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## Croatia's Cup: 4-0 vs. Ajax!



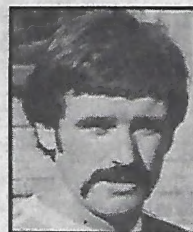
Triumphant Croatia, after winning its sixth State League Cup, beating Ajax 4-0. Back row: State League chairman Vito Cilauri, committeeman Steve Mandekic, Ossie Latif, Drago Deankovic (partly obscured), Ante Bilaver, Steve Gojevic, Robert McRae, Jozo Antolovic, Peter Blasby, George Hannah, president Joe Sigur (part-

ly obscured), club official, Bill Beveridge (physio), official, official. Front row: committeeman Frank Zepacic, Zdravko Jurisic (gear steward), Keith Adams, Tommy Cumming, Josip Biskic, Jeff Faulkner, Marty Bozic, David Brogan, Tony Curcio. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

## 'Bribery' and meddling: Gardiner speaks out

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

John Gardiner has learned to cope with bribery accusations and committee interference in his coaching duties. "It's part and parcel of my career now," said Gardiner, sacked a fortnight ago as coach of Melbourne Croatia and replaced by Tommy Cumming.



John Gardiner

Croatia's committee reacted swiftly to news that Gardiner would accompany arch rival Green Gully Ajax on its end-of-season trip to Noumea. But Gardiner's problems at Croatia this season were far more deep-seated.

"I realised quite a while back that I was a week-to-week proposition as coach," he said.

There have been all sorts of allegations flying around that I was bribed by different clubs, which is very insulting and simply not true.

"If I had listened to the committee this year, they would have got rid of Peter Blasby, Ante Bilaver and Dave Brogan."

Gardiner is the only man to coach Croatia for a full season in the 1980's. That was back in 1980. He played with Green Gully Ajax in 1981 and 1982. During that time, Croatia won just one Victorian honor — the 1981 State League Cup — a surprisingly lean period for a club which won every available Victorian honor under Gardiner in the late 1970's and 1980.

Gardiner claims he is owed money by Croatia but he won't take legal action against the club.

"Over the year, Croatia has been very good to me. The club honored every commitment to me with the exception of this year. I've enjoyed myself at Croatia and I have a lot of respect for some people at the club."

"And don't forget that I've been back and forward to Croatia a few times now, yet I've never once asked to leave. I had a two-year contract with Croatia back in the 1970's when the club sold me to Hellas, then asked me to come back. The club kept me out of the game for three months in 1979, then asked me to come back. The club decided that I was finished when it sold me to Gully in 1981 but asked me to come back and help them this year."

"The committee decided recently that I wasn't successful. That's their prerogative. They hire and fire as they see fit. All I ask is that the committee be judged in the same way I was. They hired me. If I wasn't successful, what does that say about them?"

"I could have had the Gully coaching job this year but I wanted to go back to Croatia, because I've had an enjoyable time there in the past."

Gardiner is well aware of bribery accusations levelled



Ossie Latif



Guy Spiteri

against him. When he was with Green Gully Ajax in 1981, he was accused of bribing Croatia players Steve Short and Peter Blasby after Ajax downed its arch rival in a crucial league match. And last year, with Ajax clear on top of the league ladder, Gardiner and Ajax stopper Stuart Cannell were injured and unable to play against Croatia. Ajax lost the match, prompting allegations that Croatia had paid Gardiner not to play. Ajax treasurer Arnold Langer even discussed the rumor with Gardiner at the time.

The conspiracy theory climaxed this season when Croatia lost an important league game to Juventus 2-3, after leading 2-0 with 30 minutes left. Croatia striker David Brogan had a groin injury and couldn't play. Brogan was sore at training on the Friday before the Juventus game. He couldn't do any sprints and had to stop practising penalties. He rang me on the morning of the match and said that he wasn't fit enough to play. Some committeemen started saying, after we lost, that Brogan was faking injury and that I had been bribed by Ajax to throw the game. How the hell could I throw the game? I wasn't playing."

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# Kiwis to make us eat dirt



Sumner Boath

## RALE RASIC

New Zealand's World Cup progress is as strong as Australia's was before the 1974 finals.

I have just returned from New Zealand, and I bring disturbing news about the strength of the Kiwis' team and the unified front presented by everyone involved in the game there.

Compare New Zealand's preparation with ours and I'm afraid the Kiwis may again make us eat dirt when we clash in the next World Cup qualifying series.

I saw New Zealand beat Taiwan 2-0 in an Olympic Games qualifying tour-

namment, with goals by Grant Turner (ex-SM-Hellas) and Alan Boath (ex-West Adelaide Hellas).

The team earlier had beaten Japan in Tokyo, and also had travelled to Fiji for matches.

The Kiwis are treating the Olympic Games series as part of their World Cup preparation, but Australia didn't even both to enter the Olympics.

Like Australia in 1971-73, New Zealand has a solid core of very experienced players — Boath, Steve Sumner, Duncan Cole, Grant Turner, Ron Armstrong, Glen Adam, Keith McKay, Barry Pickering, Frank van Hattum, Ricky Herbert and Billy McClure.

In addition, there are up-and-coming stars like Gerry Evans, 19, a 6ft 4ins stopper, and Colin Tuana, a forward.

The team is led by a full-time coach, Alan Jones, assisted by Kevin Fallon and 17 club coaches acting as advisers.

At the very top, there's federation chairman Charlie Dempsey, who's also head of the Oceania Confederation. He works in football for football, because it is his passion. New Zealand's forward planning is far ahead of ours because Dempsey, a former player, is a real football man and a shrewd administrator.

The media is right behind the World Cup campaign. In fact, the media



Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug (left) and ASF boss Sir Arthur George, looking worried!

gives soccer a much better go than it does in Australia.

John Adshead, the former national coach, is a soccer commentator on radio and TV. Former national captain Brian Turner, as well as former, international Sam Malcolmson, North Shore coach Don Jones and Alan Jones himself, write about soccer for

various newspapers — many of which devote a page or more to soccer. The national team is getting more and more arrogant, a super modern national stadium is being built, and TV rights for the New Zealand — Taiwan game were sold, not given away, for a live national telecast.

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## \$1 mil. first prize!

The People's Republic of China plans to hold a world Soccer tournament in Peking next June with one million (US) dollars for the champion team.

"The tournament is expected to become an annual event," said Marshall Medoff, president of Imico, a Boston-based consulting and marketing firm negotiating for international television rights via satellite from China.

Medoff said eight teams from world powers, including host China, were expected to participate in the inaugural tournament. He said the field could be increased thereafter.

Organised club teams rather than all-star teams will be sought, with an international panel deciding the eight teams from an original list of about 16.

## JUVENTUS TO BALI

Victorian State League club Juventus will be one of six contestants in the 1983 Garuda Cup in Bali. Juventus flies out of Melbourne on Wednesday, November 2, returning on Wednesday, November 16. Other teams competing in the Garuda Cup are: A West Australian amateur representative side, a Northern Territory representative side, and three top Balinese district teams — Perst, Perseden and Persibu.

The HBA organisation has agreed to sponsor T-shirts and windcheaters for Juventus which hopes to have a full first team squad available.



# Harrington misses penalty, Croatia gets set for final

It is grand final time for Croatia again. One of the most successful clubs in the NSW State League in recent years will enter this championship game as slight favorite — if for no other reason than its experience at this level.

Almost all who played for Croatia in last year's 2-1 win over Sutherland at the Sydney Sports Ground are here again. Steve Watson in goal — one of the best in Australia, let alone in NSW, certainly has contributed to having his side in the grand final.

Andrija Kovacic, Lee Sterrey, Bruno Vidalic and Drago Tomasich are a fast, strong and experienced backline. And while Peter Hensman and Graeme Arnold should prove a handful for any side, it is Croatia's midfield which usually does the damage.

Wally Savor, with eight goals to his credit, Brett Woods with two, Marian Kovacic with six and Drago Rezo with 4, almost have scored half of the side's total this year. Rezo was the man who sunk Melita in the first semi final two weeks ago.

Apart from their goal-scoring prowess Croatia's midfield has the speed to counter any side. With Savor on the right and Rezo on the left, Croatia often plays with two orthodox wingers, while

Woods acts as a destroyer and skilful Marian Kovacic as playmaker. It is a versatile midfield able to attack and defend.

Who will face Croatia? Replay of the major semi-final between Sutherland and Melita will give us the answer. In the meantime it is important to note that Croatia would prefer to see Sutherland come through, rather than Melita. Whichever way it turns out, Croatia will have the upper hand. In fact should Melita and Sutherland have to go through another 120 minutes of football, the only faces to smile will be those from Croatia.

Melita Eagles, the NSW Premiers for 1983, are still as far away from the grand final as they were a week ago when losing to Croatia in the final at Marconi Stadium. After leading 1-0 during the first stanza, Melita conceded a penalty early in the second half but Mark Harrington missed. Soon after, however, it was Cashman who equalised to give Sutherland a real chance of making it to the grand final.



## NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

In extra time it was Farrugia and McKie who missed chances and Melita will now have to front again, today (Wednesday) in a replay with Sutherland for the right to play Croatia in the grand final.

In the third grade Melita has bowed out of the play-offs after a loss to Canterbury.

### Melita 1 Sutherland 1

Scorers: Farrugia 13' pen, (1-0), Cashman 55' (1-1). MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Farnsworth (Alan 67'), McAusland (Gavin 59'), Jamieson, Farrugia, McKie.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schumann, Scharfegger (sent off 96'), Cashman, Harrington, Clench, Goggs, Groom, (12' Webber), Moodie (105 Watkins). Melita Eagles had the upper hand during the first period and went into an early lead after Mal Haynes fouled Farnsworth inside the penalty area and Ray Farrugia converted the spot kick. Chances came Melita's way

during this period but alas, as in the game with Croatia, shooting was astray, causing Raul Bianco quite a few headaches. Last week it was Don Allan who missed opportunities. This time Allan was on the bench but it didn't help. Allan and Gavin came on as substitutes during the second half but by then it was Sutherland that had the upper hand. In the 53rd minute McAusland fouled Nigel Groom and Gary Power awarded the second penalty of the match. Mark Harrington, Sutherland's captain, missed and this time it was John Watkins who threw up his arms in despair.

However, only a few minutes later Sutherland scored through Brandt Cashman to put the two sides level.

The defences of both sides looked rock solid during the rest of the match, although Melita could claim that it had a couple of chances late in the second period of extra time but its favorite son, Ray Farrugia, missed.

Both sides appeared to suffer from exhaustion, with the temperatures in the twenties not helping much. Mark Harrington was visibly distressed, having to put in a great effort for the entire match to counter Melita's fast and effective midfield. In fact almost the entire Sutherland side battled gamely after Scharfegger was sent off in the 95th minute to survive.

### Second Grade:

#### Blacktown 1 Manly 0

Scorer: Pearson 32'. BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Campbell, Shaw, Purcell, Fal-

zon, Lumsdaine, Pearson, Thorne, White, Kirwan, Rolles, Wellbourne.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Dower, Prid, Verdun, McGrath, Dennis, Spratt, Jones, Dick, Peter Vale (67' Jurgens), Paul Vale, van Hel-

den. Two very experienced sides met in this major semi-final to decide who would challenge Sutherland in the grand final. Blacktown boasted Freeman, Pearson, Wellbourne, Kirwan and Lumsdaine, all of whom had first grade experience, while Manly only had van Helken and Jones with substantial first grade play under their belts.

Accordingly, Blacktown won and will now face Sutherland for the second time in the past two weeks. Last time the two sides met it was an easy one for Sutherland, with the Sharks getting to the grand final with goals by Hargreaves and Rogers.

### Third grade: Canterbury 2 Melita 0

Scorers: Angelis 64', Androscopoulos 87'. CANTERBURY: Voudgas, Bortolin, Welsh, Fterniatis, D'Impero, Nikipoulos, Beddome, Angelis, Androscopoulos, Barakat, Lubovich.

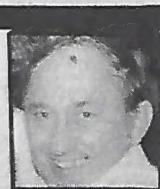
MELITA EAGLES: Parish, Boocroft, Henry, Veron, Williams, Solidekias, Vella, Paz (32' Genovese), Luis, Whitoside, Lumsden.

A goal after 64 minutes by Angelis then one by Androscopoulos was sufficient to see Canterbury through to the grand final. Only last week Canterbury lost to Croatia 2-3 after an unfortunate own goal by Fterniatis. There were no slip-ups this time and Canterbury cruised home to earn the right to meet Croatia for the second time in two weeks.

The game between the two sides is scheduled for 11.00 am at the Sydney Sports Ground.

# Stefan, Schaefer, Sharne and the Skinheads

## THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Who said there was no common sense and propriety in our game?

NSL boss Stefan Kamasz tells us that the last round, on October 23 (actually, Round 14, postponed from earlier), will be played in "Syno". That is: all seven games will start at the same time, on the same day.

This, of course, is the essential practice in most countries in order to avoid fiddles, fixes — or outright bending of results which have a bearing on the championship.

However, Stefan has one little problem: Both Olympic and St. George are drawn to play at home.

According to their agreement, on such occasions, Olympic uses the ground on Sunday while the Saints can please themselves about Friday Night or Saturday.

But rest assured that this problem will be overcome: The NSL is determined to ensure that the championship title goes to the best — and not the smartest.

Olympic officials tell us that next year, they will have a fulltime, paid, secretary-manager looking after the club's administration.

It couldn't come soon enough. For many years — more than 20, anyway — Olympic (nee Pan Hellenic) has had some pretty shoddy, makeshift managements.

May I forecast that there will be right man, that is — can lick this dormant giant into shape.

This year alone, Olympic has been involved in a few curious escapades such as cancelling, without permission, a home match, the circus surrounding the dismissal of Tommy Docherty and then the most peculiar of them all, when some of the notoriously asinine fans were actually attacked by a player.

Still on Olympic: Most of us have been wondering — even if few of us have said it openly — how on earth they found Manfred Schaefer as a coach to replace the sacked-dismissed-resigned Docherty?

Manfred, once as truly great player, was out of circulation for years; in fact, he hardly even attended an NSL match.

It was assumed that, like so many other former stars, he had opted out of the game for good. Well, he did — until Olympic found him again.

Those who remember Schaefer from his playing days wish him well.

But let me be a pessimist: I'm prepared to bet 100 drachmas (is that much?) that he won't be at the helm at the end of the 1984 season. Maybe not even at the start of it.

I also forecast that there will be plenty of drama surrounding Peter Sharne in the off season.

He is, as you may know, attached to Leichhardt — on loan from his Hong Kong club.

And he is, I'm sad to say, playing many notches below his best which once made him one of the stars of the Soccer. In recent games he's either been replaced or came on as a late sub. And that, considering Leichhardt's very modest striking prowess, is an indictment in itself.

So what will happen in the off season? The Hong Kong club had paid Marconi \$50,000 for Sharne — Sale of the Century, you might call it.

Hong Kong will want most of it back if he is transferred to a Sydney Club — but on the currently depressed market, even a \$10,000 transfer deal will be regarded as sensational.

I doubt, in fact, whether Leichhardt will keep Peter — unless the Hong Kong club drops all claims on him. Chances are that he may have to return to Hong Kong and find himself a new club willing to pay close to that \$50,000. His current employers — or rather the coach — don't want him.

It's a tragedy, really — but it's possible that Sharne could be lost for soccer completely — and he's only 26.

A strange sight — and sound — will be your reward if you attend a Sydney City match nowadays.

A group of some 30 or 40 Skinheads park themselves at one end of the ground and turn themselves into City's cheer squad.

Almost all of them British, these young men barrack for their team in the time-honoured, traditional English way: union clapping and little slogans interspersed with some saucy though amusing ditties.

Quite often they represent the only sign of life on the terraces. While the ageing old Hakoah supporters sit in petrified silence, these Skinheads kick enough noise and fuss for all of them.

When the match is over, they usually rush on the field and carry some of the star players off in their collective shoulder, then march into the dressing room to pay vocal tribute to coach Eddie Thomson and his crew.

They are an impressive lot, giving Sydney a tiny taste of the atmosphere of Anfield, Old Trafford and other famed English soccer grounds and crowds.

Some people object to their unorthodox attire, others resent their bawdy sing-criticism. I have only one criticism to make about them. There aren't enough of them.

## Home ground for Roma

AS Roma, already among the favorites for this season's European Champions' Cup, has a big incentive to reach the final; for it will be staged in its own Stadio Olimpico on May 30 next year.

It was something of a surprise when UEFA announced that its showpiece would be held in the Italian capital, as Rome had been the venue of the 1977 final.

On six occasions to date, one of the Champions' Cup finalists has had the advantage of playing in its own country. Only once has the "home" side failed to lift the trophy — after

— PAUL MOON

## 'World Cup' at Knox

Fifteen "countries" so far have nominated for an international tournament to be run at Knox City (Vic) from November 12 to December 3.

They are: Italy, Hungary, Holland, Poland, Malta, Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, Turkey, South Africa, Australia and a composite South American team.

The tournament is for teams representing countries. Players must have been born in the country for which they play, or at least his parents must have been born there.

Les Murray, host of International Sports Magazine and Match of the Day on Channel O, will fly to Melbourne to present the trophies.

DEVONPORT  
1983 Tasmanian State League North & North-west champion. Back (L-R): McKenna, Smith, A. Rimmer, S. Rimmer, Best, Gleeson, Parks. Front (L-R): Seaford, Riggby, Frame, Abley, Pizzarini, Buchanan.



# Eric Young slams Morwell muddle

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### By Walter Pless

Eric Young won the 1982 Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania while with Juventus-Pioneer. He joined Victorian State League side, Morwell Falcons, for the 1983 season and I spoke with him while he was in Hobart on a short visit recently.

Q: In retrospect, was your move to Morwell a good move?

It was a good move as far as finding work was concerned, but, as far as the game is concerned, it was a very bad move. I didn't enjoy one game! The club did the right thing by me, but, the setup is very poor in so far as the coaching side of it went.

There are problems with the team being split up — players living in Melbourne and training in Morwell. I felt that there were a lot of things that could have been improved, but, nothing was done about it and, consequently, I felt every player in the club suffered because of it.

Q: I believe you had some injury problems?

In my first game I did some damage to my achilles tendon but I continued playing on it and when it wasn't getting any better I had four weeks of complete rest. I came back after that and got an infected foot that kept me out for a few more weeks.

Q: What about positional problems?

One of the main reasons why I wasn't able to settle into a

## BRAZILIAN FOR HIRE

Brazilian Ricardo Cavaleiro de Rocha, 18, 1.76m and 66kg, wants to play in Australia.

He has been with S.E. Palmeiras, C.A. Juventus, SC Corinthians Paulista, Sao Paulo and Vasco da Gama.

His address is: Rua Darzan No. 41, CEP 02034, Santana SP, Brazil.

## We were wrong

We incorrectly reported last week that Billy Vojtek of St. Albans had top-scored in the Victorian Second Division with 14 goals. In fact, he scored 18 goals — 13 of them from the penalty spot!



### Eric Young

My rhythm was because I wasn't allowed to play in my best position. I only played twice in central midfield, the position I'm best at, and that's what I can't understand, especially since I went to the club to play in that position.

Admittedly, Jimmy McLean played there and he had an outstanding season. I've no complaint against Jimmy, but, for me, it was a complete waste of time. I wasn't allowed to carry on playing in the central midfield position where I know I could have done a good job.

Q: Did you mind playing sweeper?

I don't mind playing sweeper because it's a game, but, I didn't want to play there because they had the feeling I could no longer do it in midfield and they needed someone to help out at the back. I told Tony Boggi, our coach, that I've still got a lot to offer in midfield but that I'd play at the back if he wanted me to play there. I believe it's too early in my career to go back there, however.

Q: Which teams impressed you in Victoria?

I was impressed with Green Gully and Croatia immediately, but, Green Gully was the team I picked early on to win the league because overall it had the ability and the experience. I think Croatia had the ability and was well-organised but lacked the experience to carry it right through.

Q: How do Tasmanian facilities compare with those in Victoria?

The problem in Hobart is the shortage of grounds. Nobody has got their own ground. But, the grounds that are available offer as much as any Victorian ground. The teams in the north of Tasmania can compete with the best that the Victorian league can offer in terms of facilities.

Q: What are your future plans?

They're up in the air. I could possibly return to Tasmania, but, I could move elsewhere. I wish I knew.



Documents designed to  
fool Immigration Dept.

Deceit over housing:  
\$100 flat for \$115

Club tried to 'run him  
out of the country'

# Scharmann gets \$27,500 over sack from APIA

**Mr Justice Wootten has ordered APIA Soccer Club to pay its former Austrian star player Johann Scharmann \$27,500 dollars damages for wrongful dismissal.**

Meanwhile, Rale Rasic, sacked by SM-Hellas, still is waiting for his case to go to court. He has issued a writ claiming \$64,300.

Mr Justice Wootten said APIA's president, secretary and soccer director all had engaged in "deceitful activities" over the signing-on of Scharmann.

The club also had behaved in a very high-handed manner and tried to "run him out of the country" as soon as possible after his dismissal on August 1 this year.

In the Equity Division of the supreme court, Mr Justice Wootten was told Scharmann, an Austrian player of international repute, began playing for APIA early this year.

He signed a two-year contract drawn up by the club's president, Nick Papallo, a solicitor.

The contract stipulated payment of a signing-on fee of \$10,000 a year, \$300 a week and air fares for himself, his wife and son, to Australia and return to Austria.

Scharmann was to be employed as the club's soccer secretary and public relations officer.

The judge said Scharmann, 34, gave evidence that these duties were inserted in the contract to provide "an ostensible explanation for what was, in Australian terms, a high remuneration".

It was never intended he should carry out those duties. He was later asked to sign another contract, which he



**APIA president  
Nick Papallo**

was told was "for the immigration department".

Scharmann signed the document after protesting that it contained a different commencing date and made no reference to the signing on fee or his duties as soccer secretary and public relations officer.

Mr Justice Wootten said Mr Papallo and the club's soccer secretary, Mr Orsatti, both had signed documents designed to deceive the immigration department and the secretary, Mr Barbatto, had acted deceitfully towards Scharmann over accommodation provided for him and his family.

Mr Barbatto had told him the rent of an apartment the club had found for them would be \$130 a week.

When they said this was too much, Mr Barbatto made a telephone call and said they could have it for \$115.

The judge said that in fact Mr Barbatto held a lease of the premises for \$100 a week.

He said an affidavit provided by Mr Barbatto to the court included "the quite false statement that the club had paid the sum of \$115 a week to an estate

agency when, in fact, it had paid it to him."

"The credit of all three (club) witnesses was effectively destroyed," Mr Justice Wootten said.

He added the club's reasons for dismissing Scharmann were that he failed to keep an undertaking given to Mr Papallo that he would refrain from playing cards on club premises, and that he had refused to play a match with the club's under-19 team.

The judge said he accepted Scharmann's denial that he had given no such undertaking.

He said there was strong reason for thinking Mr Papallo was trying to set up some excuse for getting rid of Scharmann, who had twice pulled a leg muscle during soccer practice and had missed several competition games.

If Scharmann had on one occasion disobeyed an order by the club's coach, Mr Bottalico, to play with the under-19 team, as permitted under Australian soccer federation rules, it did not necessarily follow that the club was entitled to dismiss him.

This had had "extraordinarily harsh consequences" for Scharmann.

The judge fixed damages for Scharmann at \$27,500, including his wages for the remainder of 1983 and the whole of 1984, and the \$10,000 signing-on fee for 1984.

He suspended the execution of his order for 14 days so the club could consider an appeal.



**Johann Scharmann (right) in action against Heidelberg early this year. From left: Bob Vincent, Ian McKie and Sebastian Giampaolo.**

## Death threats—Rodny quits

**Death threats made against NSW Federation president Karel Rodny at the height of the recent debate concerning NSL regionalisation, led to his decision last week not to seek re-election.**

Former Sydney Olympic president, John Constantine, is tipped to become Rodny's successor.

"You can't gamble with the life of your family," said Rodny.

"I have been abused. I have been told that my house will be blown up, and my family with it."

Constantine will make his bid for the presidency at the annual general meeting of the NSW Federation in November.

"I feel I have a big contribution to make," he said.

"NSW represents a 25 percent interest

at ASF level and can have a big influence on Australian soccer. I think the priorities for administrators should be the national team, the youth team and some form of national club competition."

Constantine refused to be drawn into the recent rift between the NSW federation and the ASF. NSW was the only State to oppose the NSL's regionalisation proposals.

Rodny's departure ends 12 years at the helm of soccer in NSW.

## Dickson to go back home?

Albion Rovers, in response to a telegram from Immigration last Friday, have sent an air ticket to the department to send Peter Dickson back to Scotland.

Dickson has been in dispute with Albion for the last two months. His visa expires at the end of this month and Albion refused to renew it.

Dickson was making a last ditch bid to sign with a Hong Kong club as we went to press.

## Mountford to join Adel. City

Newcastle KB United striker Bob Mountford has agreed to terms with Adelaide City coach Bobby Ferguson and is expected to join City for the 1984 NSL season.

"Mountford is happy with our offer and now it is up to the board to decide if it will proceed with the deal," Ferguson said.

Mountford will return to England on October 20 to play for Fourth Division club Stockport County and he is prepared to link up with City at the end of the English season.

"Mountford's experience would be invaluable and I'm sure he could work in well with our young strikers," Ferguson said.

Mountford, who formerly was with English First Division club Stoke City, will be released on a free contract when his term with Newcastle expires at the end of the NSL season.

Meanwhile, West Adelaide Hellas coach Peter Kouliouzos has dropped experienced players Mick Brennan and Bill Aney for the remaining NSL matches because he doesn't plan to retain them in 1984.

## BLEAK LOCAL SCENE DRIVES STARS AWAY

### KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS

I'm afraid we'll see more and more of our top players leaving Australia to try their luck in Europe because they see little future in staying here.

Already Alan Davidson, Tommy McCulloch, David Low, Robbie Slater, and Rod Brown have announced they're off at the end of the season for overseas trials.

Many see the chance for fame and fortune, others simply want a new challenge.

But all are finding it very hard to predict where Australian soccer is heading. Clubs are facing enormous financial problems, the crowds are dwindling and next season most clubs intend to cut wages and signing-on fees.

It's no wonder then that the best young players are seeking greener pastures elsewhere and their departure will lower the standard of our soccer even more.

### Well done, Aggie

I'm glad that the NSW Rothmans Medal went to a skilful ballplayer — Aggie Muniz, the former Sydney Hakoah and Adelaide Juventus star.

Aggie was out of soccer for quite a while due to injury, then decided to join Avala and has completed his comeback in the most spectacular way possible.

By the way, I had a look at the Rothmans Medal recently. It's made of solid gold, and it's worth about \$5000.

It makes the NSL's Wedgewood Bowl pale into insignificance, but then Wedgewood has withdrawn its sponsorship.

What the NSL needs is a best player award as prestigious as the Rothmans Medal.

### Tansey's men a worry

It's amazing what a new face can do. Since Jim Tansey took over as coach of Heidelberg-Alexander, the team won three games and drew two out of the five they had played before last weekend.

It's Sydney Olympic's turn to meet the Bergers on Sunday and they certainly won't be pushovers.

It should be quite a game, but I reckon we'll knock them off.



## DOCHERTY FACING ARREST

Controversial soccer boss Tommy Docherty is facing arrest over maintenance arrears.

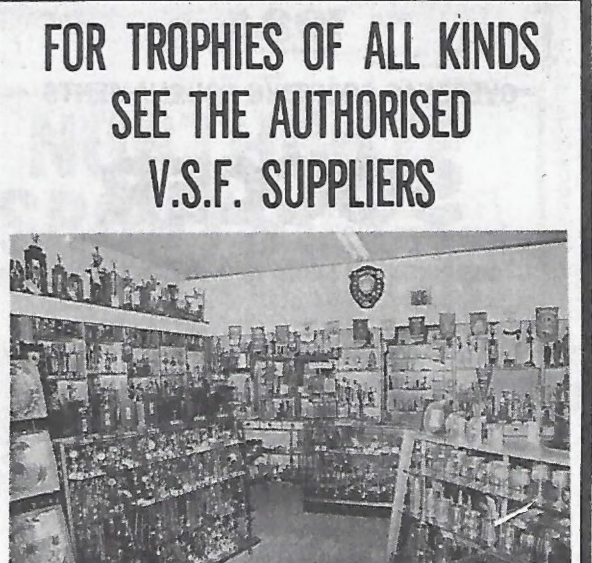
Detectives want to interview the former Manchester United manager about outstanding payments to his estranged wife Agnes.

A warrant demanding 4,000 pounds in

arrears was issued soon after Docherty arrived back in Britain from Australia.

Docherty who is in Derbyshire with Mary Brown and her four children, added: "I admit I'm in arrears and I've done my best to pay."

"But I haven't had a chance to earn anything since getting back. How can I afford 4,000 pounds?"



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# O'CONNOR, BROWN DRAW CLEAR

**Phil O'Connor (Wollongong)** increased his lead over **Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg)** in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year awards at the weekend, with only two rounds to go.

Doug Brown (SM-Hellas) meanwhile drew one goal clear in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award.

John Kosmina (Hakoah), last year's top scorer, is only a goal behind Brown, after having scored in the 3-0 victory over Brisbane Lions.

This week's votes:  
**SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
 HELLAS 2 (Brown, Woodin)  
 MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1

(Henderson) at Middle Park, crowd about 10,000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:  
 6. Henderson (Marc), 5. Yzendoorn (Hellas), 4. Laumets (Hellas), 3. Bozanic (Marc), 2. Russell (Hellas), 1. Egan (Hellas).

**BRISBANE CITY 1 WOLLONGONG 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: about 800. Votes by Mark Bridgen:  
 6. O'Connor (W), 5. Liddell (BC), 4. Preston (W), 3. Vlietstra (W), 2. Cairney (BC), 1. Ainsworth (W).

**WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Brown) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0** at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 950. Votes by Frank Pangallo:  
 6. Dunn (WA), 5. Sproul (WA), 4. Aisalas (WA), 3. Meier (SO), 2. Soper (SO), 1. Heys (SO).

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (McMillan pen., Lucchesi)**

**FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (O'Donnell)** at Connor Reserve. Crowd: about 3500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. McMillan (Mak), 5. Kyriakoulas (JUST), 4. Odzakovic (Mak), 3. Curovic (JUST), 2. O'Donnell (JUST), 1. Opasins (Mak).

**CANBERRA ARROWS 2 (Farina, Gibson pen.) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Blair)** at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1032. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Farina (C), 5. Ambrosino (C), 4. Mullen (AC), 3. Murray (C), 2. Blair (AC), 1. Melta (AC).

**NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Lowe) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Slater, Wilkinson)** at International Sports Centre. Crowd: 3758. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Sken (St.G), 5. Watson (N), 4. Stone (St.G), 3. H. Tre-

dinnick (N), 2. Barton (St.G), 1. Lowe (N).

**APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 (Morsello, Sharpe) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Yankos, Valentine, Cole)** at Lambert Park. Crowd 2500. Votes by Alex Vesic:  
 6. Oliver (H), 5. Tredinnick (APIA), 4. Yankos (H), 3. Bradley (APIA), 2. Carter (APIA), 1. Cole (H).

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Kosmina, Boden, Gomez) BRISBANE LIONS 0** at St George Stadium. Crowd about 800. Votes by Knut Werner:  
 6. Boden (SC), 5. Watson (SC), 4. Cant (SC), 3. Hunter (BL), 2. Hogg (BL), 1. Wright (BL).

Leaders:  
 30. O'Connor (W), 75. Yankos (H), 65. Odzakovic (Mak), 63. Davidson (SM), 62. Ratcliffe (St.G), 58. Bradley (APIA).

57. Banfield (AC), P. Tredinnick (APIA),  
 56. Henderson (Marc),  
 55. Kyriakoulas (JUST), Sken (St.G),  
 54. Wright (BL), Heys (WA), Serrani (Marc),  
 53. Lowe (N),  
 50. Burke (N), J. Watson (SC), Bryant (C),  
 49. Jones (Mak),  
 48. Farina (C),  
 47. Crino (SM),  
 46. Greedy (ST.G),  
 42. Carroll (JUST), Hoszowski (C),  
 41. Mariani (APIA).

40. Bertogna (APIA),  
 McMillan (Mak), T. Byrne (C),  
 39. Vlietstra (W),  
 38. Tokesi (BC), Honeyman (WA), Patikas (SO), Halford (SM),  
 37. B. Nyskohus (AC), G. Watson (N), Katholos (SO),  
 36. Hamilton, Wishart (BC), Senkalski (N), R. Stewart (BL), Robertson (SC),  
 35. Murphy (SM),  
 34. Perry (BC), Melta (AC), Boland (JUST), G. Campbell (Mak), Hunter (BL),  
 33. Lucchesi (Mak).

32. Liddell (BC), Villani (AC), McDowell (JUST), Niven (BL), S. O'Connor (SC), Lea (H),  
 31. Egan (SM),  
 30. Flounders (AC), Mason (N), Belic (JUST), Gaffney (W), Soper (SO), Paterson (SO).

Top scorers:  
 14. Brown (SM),  
 13. Soper (SO), Kosmina (SC),  
 12. Bradley (APIA), O'Connor (W),  
 11. Paton (JUST), Cotton (W), Egan (SM),  
 10. Mullen (AC), Lucchesi (Mak),  
 9. Slater, Marton (St. G), Lowe (N), Wright (BL), Lea (H), Ward (Mak),  
 8. Mountford (N), R. Brown (Marc), Bryant (C),  
 7. Morsello (APIA), Hamilton (BC), Gomez (SC), J. Campbell (H).



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## National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME	AWAY	
	W D L F A	W D L F A	Gls Pts
1. (2) Sydney City Hakoah	10 4 0 27 6	4 5 5 16 21	43:27 51
2. (1) St George Budapest	7 5 1 19 9	7 4 4 22 16	41:25 51
3. (3) South Melbourne Hellas	8 3 4 22 18	7 2 4 20 16	42:34 50
4. (5) Preston Makedonia	10 2 2 29 13	4 5 5 15 18	44:31 49
5. (4) Newcastle KB United	6 4 4 19 9	7 3 4 24 15	43:24 46
6. (6) Sydney Olympic	6 3 6 22 19	5 2 6 13 13	35:32 38
7. (7) APIA-Leichhardt	9 2 3 28 12	2 2 10 14 23	42:35 37
8. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	6 5 3 24 18	3 5 6 16 18	40:36 37
9. (10) Heidelberg-Alexander	7 2 4 19 13	2 8 5 14 23	33:36 37
10. (13) Canberra Arrows	8 3 3 27 14	2 2 10 15 32	42:46 35
11. (9) Footscray J.U.S.T.	6 4 4 16 19	3 4 7 18 19	24:38 35
12. (11) Adelaide City Juventus	6 3 6 18 17	3 3 8 16 21	34:38 33
13. (12) Brisbane City	4 5 5 19 22	4 4 6 12 21	31:43 33
14. (14) West Adelaide	5 6 4 16 17	1 6 6 6 16	22:33 30
15. (16) Wollongong	1 10 3 18 19	3 4 8 22 33	40:54 26
16. (15) Brisbane Lions	5 2 6 22 21	1 4 10 11 37	33:58 24

## Don't laugh — top three all could lose on Sunday

So close is the NSL that Makedonia could win the title — from fourth place — as early as next Sunday.

Makedonia almost certainly would be the 1983 champion if the three leaders lose this week — Hakoah to Newcastle, St George Budapest to Marconi and SM-Hellas to APIA.

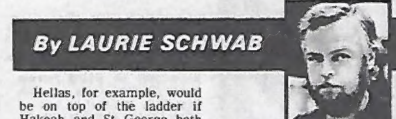
Don't laugh. All three matches could go either way. Makedonia, meanwhile, should beat West Adelaide at home this week, and the way Olympic's been faring lately, Makedonia should beat them as well in the last round.

The return of George Todorovski has given Makedonia's team better balance, making the defence a little sounder, and enabling Peter Ollerton to concentrate on a more offensive role.

Before I move on to the other title contenders, I want to tell you that I'm sick and tired of reading — particularly in Press reports emanating from Sydney that Makedonia (sorry, Preston, according to the Sydneysiders) is an "unfashionable" team.

What the hell does that mean? After SM-Hellas and Olympic, Makedonia draws the biggest crowds in the NSL. How, then, is Makedonia "unfashionable"?

Back to the title race, where anything could happen at the weekend.



By LAURIE SCHWAB

Hellas, for example, would be on top of the ladder if Hakoah and St George both lose or draw this week. And with Brisbane Lions to play in the last round, Hellas then would have the title wrapped up.

But if Hakoah and St George both win, the stage would be set for a goal-scoring contest in the final round, when Hakoah meets Canberra at Bruce Stadium and St George clashes with Brisbane City at St George Stadium.

At the moment the two leaders are locked on 51 points each, so goal difference well could decide the title.

Let's look a little more closely at each of the top matches:

**NEWCASTLE v. SYDNEY HAKOAH:** Hakoah should have scored a ton against Lions last week but had to be content with only three. Murray Barnes missed that game due to a hamstring strain, but he'll be back this week, probably at the expense of Nello Borges. Newcastle's Bob Mountford played last week against St George despite a thigh injury, and he'll be much fitter this time. Newcastle led St George 1-0 before losing 1-2, and although it never has beaten Hakoah, Newcastle is expected to make it a close game indeed.

**APIA v. SM-HELLAS:** Skipper Terry Butler will be back

after suspension to resume his midfield position in the APIA team, which took the lead against Heidelberg last week, but eventually lost 2-3. Paul Carter hit the crossbar in the last minute. Bobby Parkes may be back in APIA's goal. He missed last week's game, and Greg Woodhouse, back after a long absence, looked shaky. Hellas captain Arthur Xanthopoulos is back after injury, but it's odds-on there won't be any changes to the team. Doug Brown hit the post last week apart from scoring, but in his haste to win the top scorers' award, he mustn't forget he has other forwards alongside him.

**ST GEORGE v. MARCONI:** Possibly the tightest game of the round. Marconi's midfield, apart from Tommy McCulloch, wasn't as good as it could have been against Hellas last Sunday, but it should show improvement in Sydney. It will have to if Marconi hopes to

outdo Peter Stone and Mark Barton. St George came from behind to beat Newcastle — a mammoth task away from home — but we must remember that last time these teams met, Marconi scored a demoralising 4-0 victory, with goals by Jovan Djordjevic (2), Rod Brown and Tommy Serrani. St George fielded its strongest possible side that day!

**MAKEDONIA v. WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:** West Adelaide scored its first victory in 15 weeks when it beat Sydney Olympic 1-0 with a goal

by Tim Brown — and Graham Heys had what seemed a perfectly good goal disallowed over offside. But Makedonia's confidence has been lifted by its first victory in five weeks (2-1 v. JUST), and with George Todorovski back in defence, Makedonia should prove too good on its home ground.

Footscray JUST meanwhile, welcomes Gary McDowell back after suspension, and the added drive that he provides should ensure a victory over Adelaide City Juventus in Adelaide, paving the way for JUST's final match, against APIA the following week. Whatever happens, JUST already has chalked up its best season since the NSL started.

The two Brisbane clubs — City and Lions — have collapsed in a heap — especially City — and neither is expected to get much sympathy this week. Phil O'Connor is determined to win the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award, and will help down the Lions, while Canberra, led by Terry Byrne, George Christopoulos and Steve Bryant — all excellent players — will be much too good for City.

One of the league's new glamor teams is Heidelberg-Alexander, unbeaten in five matches under Jim Tansey. Theoretically, Alexander could finish as high as sixth by winning its last two games.

On Sunday, at the Olympic Village, Alexander looks much too well-organised for Sydney Olympic.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer left Peter Katholos on the bench against West Adelaide.

Tansey must be hoping that the same happens on Sunday, for Katholos on a good day, can destroy any team single-handed.

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## NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

SKEN (5) (St.G. Budapest)	HENDERSON (2) (Marconi)	DUNN (2) (WA Hellas)	YZENDOORN (1) (SM-Hellas)
WATSON (6) (SC-Hakoah)	ODZAKOV (7) (Makedonia)	P. TREDINNICK (5) (APIA)	
FARINA (4) (Canberra)	BODEN (1) (SC-Hakoah)	O'CONNOR (7) (Wollongong)	

## Best at Bell Park



Victorian Metro First Division club Bell Park held its annual presentation night recently. Pictured above are some of the celebrities who attended.

Back Row: Dave O'Connor (coach), Nigel Daniels (Best Player runner-up), Billy Wilkinson (Best Player), Harry Mills (assistant coach). Front Row: Peter Crawley (deputy chairman, Metro League), John Dimitis (president, VSF), Russell Butler (President's Trophy winner). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

## Vassallo and Brooks tops

Willie Vassallo last week won Green Gully Ajax's Player of the Year award and 1983 Bill Fleming Medal winner, Paul Lewis, only could finish fourth.

Vassallo polled 48 votes. David Hogen was runner-up with 41 votes and Peter Lewis

and Jim Williams tied for third with 39 votes. Paul Lewis polled 36 votes.

Ringwood Wilhelmmina's best and fairest award was won by David Brooks by a staggering 28 votes. Brooks polled 64 votes. Ron Verniers was runner-up with 38 votes. Young goalkeeper Rick Janssen was third.



# First win since June 26

By  
**FRANK PANGALLO**

**WA-Hellas 1  
Syd. Olympic 0**

Scorer: Brown 75 min.  
At Hindmarsh.  
Crowd 350.  
Referee: J. Rossis (SA) 8.  
Cautions: Raskopolous (SO).

**WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:**  
Sproul 8; McGregor 7; Hiern 7; Dunn 9; Papazoglou 7; Ascalas 7; Stametopolous 7; Honyman 7; Brown 7; Konstantopolous 7; Heyes.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier 8; Rogers 7; Dakos 7; Jennings 7; Coody 7; Petikas 6; Raskopolous 7; Phillips 7; Soper 8; Koussas 7; Patalis 7 (Katholos 78 min).

Just about everybody had forgotten the last time West Adelaide Hellas had won a match.

You had to go back to June 26 when Wests disposed of Brisbane Lions... 15 rounds ago!

Fill-in coach Peter Kouzios, Alan Vest's successor, was true to his word by giving the club's youngsters a run while the club saw out a disappointing season.

Gone are Brennan, Wormley, Amey, McGachey and Crook, mainstays of the team for most of the year and all of them disappointing for most of the time they spent on the pitch.

In have come the young hopes — Papazoglou, Stametopolous, Konstantopolous, Vahavliou and Calandaris. All of them inexperienced but obviously players with some ability.

And its no coincidence that the young blood carries strong Greek links.

Hellas's administration believes part of the reason the fans have stayed away in droves is that there just haven't been any local heroes with ethnic backgrounds.

But in the first half Olympic's skill and attacking flair threatened to overwhelm the young Hellas side.

Olympic managed to get the ball into the net but referee Rossis, on the advice of a linesman, correctly disallowed the goal.

Hellas had little drive and rarely moved into attack. It's game was negative kick and run stuff with its strikers being put under pressure by unnecessary high balls and thoughtless passing.

But Hellas managed to turn the tables and casual Olympic was punished.

In contrast to the first half, Hellas showed more endeavour. Players fought for every ball and the passing became more direct and effective.

Konstantopolous began to breathe fire up front and looked set to sidestep Meier for an easy goal when the Olympic goalkeeper made a superlative lunge at the striker's feet.

But Meier had no chance of preventing Hellas scoring when a Heyes pilderiver struck beneath the bar and rebound for Brown to nod in.



Olympic's Terry Patalis (left) gets in this shot despite a desperate attempt to block by West Adelaide's Brendan Hiern. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

## Newcastle drops out

**Newcastle 1  
St George 2**

Scorers: 51st Lowe (N) 58th Slater (St. G), 60th Wilkinson (St. G).

Venue: International Sports Centre.  
Crowd: 3785.

Referee: Doug Rennie 7.  
Cautions: Marton, M. O'Shea.

**NEWCASTLE KB UNITED:**  
Gosling 7, Maier 7, Burke 7, Watson 8, H. Tredinnick 8, Lee 7, Senkalski 7, Mason 6, Jones 6, Lowe 8, Mountford.

**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST:**  
Greedy 7 — skeen 8, M. O'Shea 7, Retschke 8, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 8, Barton 8, J. O'Shea 7, Slater 7, Wilkinson 7, Marton 7, (90th Petkaskil).

Newcastle dropped out of the premiership race when it was defeated by St. George, so ending a gallant attempt to win its first title.

In a game of vital importance to both clubs, the local side had most of the play in the first half.

The second half saw Newcastle pick up its tempo and in the 49th minute the crowd saw its first title.

## Great Cole goal wins it

**APIA 2  
Heid. Alex 3**

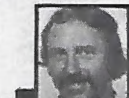
Ground: Lambert Park  
Crowd: 2,500 (approx.)  
Referee: Ken Small 7

Yellow cards: Arno Bertogna  
Goals: 28' Morsello (1-0), 38' Vankos (1-1), 57' Valentine (1-2), 64' Sharne (2-2), 67' Cole (2-3).

**APIA:** Woodhouse 5, Carter 7, Bertogna 6, Mariani 6, Brown 6, Gray 5, Tredinnick 7, Morsello 6, Bradley 7, Valent 5 (De Ceglie 60' — 5), Sharne 6.

**HEIDELBERG:** Oliver 8, McKinn 6, Yankos 7, Spence 6, McLeod 6, Valentine 6, Selmidis 5, Campbell 6, Lea 5 (Tansley 71'), Paterson 6, Cole 7.

Heidelberg collected three hard earned points at Lambert Park after one of the most disappointing matches seen in Sydney. In fairness to players of both sides it should be said that it would have been better to play at the local council park than at



**Joe Lanzoni**

brought to its feet when Joe Senkalski was brought down in the penalty area, but referee Doug Rennie denied the local team a penalty.

Only one minute later Grant Lee was found by a Watson's pass on the right, rounded Robert O'Shea and sent in a great left shot that looked to have 'goal' written all over it but Terry Greedy brilliantly palmed the ball over the bar.

However, Newcastle was not to be denied for long. Shortly afterwards Joe Senkalski made ground from the midfield before letting go with a left foot thunderbolt that beat Greedy but struck the underside of the crossbar. The rebound was picked up by David Lowe who despatched it to the back of the net through a crowd of players to the delight of the local fans.

Unfortunately for Newcastle that was the signal for

St. George to lift their game, and the best way to do that is to push players forward.

David Skeen and Mark Barton kept pushing into areas were defenders or midfielders are not usually found, and with Peter Stone calling the tune in the midfield, St. George looked menacing.

Newcastle looked to have control of the situation until a terrible comedy of errors in the defence presented the unmarked Robbie Slater with the ball. He calmly put it past Gosling for the equaliser.

Newcastle had not quite recovered from the shock when they found themselves behind only two minutes after the equaliser.

Paul Wilkinson who was having a quite game up to that point picked up the ball in the midfield, made ground, took aim, and from 25 metres let go with a ground shot that beat Gosling.

Nobody suffered from lack of support more than David Lowe who took on the well-drilled St. George defence almost single handed, but in the end St. George deserved the win, with a better drilled combination and a little more commitment than the local side.

ed Mike Valentine with an opportunity. He took it with superb judgment, floating it past Woodhouse and off the post into the net to give Heidelberg the lead.

However, only minutes later, it was Peter Tredinnick in with a chance from the edge of the area. His shot was well saved by Oliver but the ball fell to the feet of Sharne who produced it back into the net for the equaliser.

Heidelberg hit back with the best goal of the match with Gary Cole rising high to meet a well placed cross from Jim Campbell to head past Woodhouse.

APIA came back in the closing stages and Paul Carter hit the crossbar in the last minute of the match but Heidelberg managed to survive and take the points home. It was during this period that Heidelberg showed some strong resistance through the displays by Jeff Oliver and Yankos, while up front, Cole failed to score from a couple of good openings.

Ian Gray handled just outside his penalty area soon after the restart which provided



**Alex Vesic**

Lambert Park with the surface contributing to ill directed passes and some horrible ball control.

Walter Valeri provided Tony Morsello with an ideal opening for Morsello to slot home a low drive in the 28th minute and give APIA the lead. Following that goal it looked as if the home side would coast home, but it wasn't to be. Charlie Yankos, the Australian sweeper, hit a 30 metre free kick past Woodhouse some 10 minutes later to make it 1-1 and from then on the result was always hard to predict.

Ian Gray handled just outside his penalty area soon after the restart which provided

again but we should have trebled the score," he said.

Sydney City was trailing St. George on goal difference before the match but now holds a slender advantage after St. George beat Newcastle in Newcastle. The goal difference is the same but City has scored more goals.

At least a dozen chances were missed by the Sydney City forwards with Nello Borges and Gerardo Gomez off target on four occasions in the last 10 minutes.

Brisbane Lions swung into attack in the opening minute with striker Calvin Daunt lofting the ball over the bar from 10 metres with the Sydney City defence on the wrong foot.

It was to be the only occasion where the Lions managed to get close enough to worry Slickers' goalkeeper Tony Pez-

The Slickers launched a series of raids and grabbed the first goal from a free kick after Roddy Vasquez tripped Paul Kay. Joe Watson flighted the ball into the goal area and John Kosmina rose high to glance it over the hands of Lions' keeper Brett Beves.

The second half belonged to Sydney City which bombarded the Lions' backline throughout the entire session.

Ken Boden, in the 55th minute, ended in the penalty area and swerved a 15 metre drive into the net for the second goal.

Kosmina, Gomez and Borges were given plentiful opportunities through the distribution of Kay and crosses from both wings but did not succeed in adding to the score until six minutes before full-time.

Watson floated a corner into the penalty spot, giving the un-

to control the ball and place it past the 'keeper.

"Our chances of winning the competition are now better and we only need win the last two games," said Thomson.

"I knew at half time we had the game won but I was disappointed at the lost scoring opportunities because we needed the goals."

Thomson was forced into a last minute change in his line-up when he omitted team captain Murray Barnes who was suffering from a slight hamstring strain.

Brisbane Lions coach Simon Kistemaker said his team had played well in the first half but could not match the experience of the opposition in the second session.

"This is a young team for the future as eight of the players are under 20 years of age and what we need is a midfielder to slow the game down and make better use of our

# Todorovski back, and now Flavell

**Makedonia 2  
Foots JUST 1**

Scorers: 1-0 McMillan pen 17m, 1-1 O'Donnell 37m, 2-1 Lucchasi 68m.

Ground: Connor Reserve  
Attendance: 3500 estimate  
Referee: E. Venios 7

Cautions: O'Donnell, Curovic, Tutill

**MAKEDONIA:** Wilson 7; Opasinas 8, Todorovski 6, Jonas 6, Petrovski 7; Iloski 7, Lucchasi 6, Ozdakov 8; McMillan 8, Ollerton 7, Livingston 6, (Farrell 60m).  
Coach: Peter Ollerton

**JUST:** Boland 8; Curovic 8, Tutill 7, Kyriakoulas 8, Hazabent 7; Taylor 6, Belic 6, O'Donnell 8; Carroll 6, Paton 6, Lujic 6. Coach: Bobby MacLellan.

Gordon Flavell will on Sunday come straight back into Makedonia's side after serving a two-week suspension and should buoy the midfield enough to ensure a victory over West Adelaide which will keep alive the club's title hopes for one more week.

But while Flavell's tenacity will help a midfield which at times looked all at sea against J.U.S.T., there are still too many holes to be plugged both in defence and up front to seriously consider Makedonia as a title contender alongside Sydney Hakoah, St. George, and SM-Hellas.

Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton reshuffled the side once again for this encounter, pushing himself and George McMillan up front, shifting the out-of-form Claude Lucchasi to midfield and recalling George Todorovski to the sweeper's position.

"Ollie" was well held the Makedonia player-coach gave George McMillan some room and the old Trojan again set the example with his never-say-die attitude.

The pity is that only Zarko Ozdakov and Con Opasinas matched his commitment and it took a bit of help from J.U.S.T. for Makedonia to end its recent barren run and notch up its first points in five weeks.

Ozdakov won the usual share of midfield battles but was forced to hang on to the ball for too long, with no-one making forward runs and more often than not ended up taking on one man too many and losing the ball.



**Peter Desira**

Opasinas, allotted the marking job on Zdravko Lujic, at times gave the winger too much room but was prepared to come forward and take risks and in the end it was he who set up the winner with a long through pass for McMillan in the 68th minute.

McMillan was forced to the byline but managed to cut the ball back for Lucchasi to blast it home off the underside of the bar and notch his first goal in 11 weeks.

Prior to that J.U.S.T. had the better scoring opportunities and should have had the game settled before recall.

Joe Carroll missed the easiest chance, running onto a through ball unchallenged — with the defence standing waiting for an offside whistle. But Wilson came off his line, forcing the striker to move to the right and Carroll's final shot went into the side netting.

Makedonia started the match promisingly enough and Ozdakov had the ball in the net after 10 minutes with an angled shot which went in off the post.

But linesman Nick Okur signalled that the ball had crossed the byline before Ozdakov shot and the goal was disallowed.

Ollerton claimed the ball "was never over the line" but referee Evan Venios made up for the ruling seven minutes later awarding a penalty for a check on McMillan in what can at best be called a harsh decision.

McMillan, in his anxious hurry, took a very poor penalty kick and Dennis Boland got a hand to it but could not stop it going in.

J.U.S.T. drew level in the 37th minute with a goal that exposed all Makedonia's deficiencies at the back.

The ball was worked down the right wing and then turned into the centre via three players, and Brian O'Donnell could hardly believe the time and space he was given to shoot past Wilson.

In the second half Jamie

Paton and Ken Taylor both had shots saved and Carroll had that glaring miss before Makedonia scored the winner.

From then on — urged in no mean manner by the officials sitting on the bench — Makedonia pulled men back and got the shakes every time J.U.S.T. came forward but they did create one scoring chance which forced Boland into the save of the match.

Inevitably it was Ozdakov who set it up placing a pinpoint free kick on McMillan's head but the keeper reacted brilliantly to stop the header. Finally a word of praise for Suleiman Curovic, who further enhanced his reputation with another good display at full-back and at one stage even had the cheek to mix it skill-wise with Ozdakov and left the midfielder nonplussed in his wake to set up an attacking move for JUST.

## Wilson to Raith

Former Dundee and Cowdenbeath full back Bobby Wilson has been appointed manager of Raith Rovers who recently lost Gordon Wallace when he went as a coach to Dundee United.

## Nicholas jinx

Charlie Nicholas has hit a jinx period. Carrying an ankle injury with Arsenal which forced him out before half time against Notts County he had to cry off from the Scotland side which played Uruguay in a friendly. To top things off Charlie's new car was badly smashed up when he was involved in a three-car accident.



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## Eddie Thomson confident of title win

**Sydney City 3  
Bris. Lions 0**

Scorers: Kosmina 20th, Boden 55th, Gomez 84th.  
Venue: St George Stadium.  
Crowd: about 800.  
Referee: Wilkinson 7.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Pezzano 6 — Mullen 6, O'Connor 6 (Borges M.T. 6), Robertson 6, Cant 7 — Boden 7, Key 6, Gomez 6 — Watson 7, Kosmina 6, Murray 6.

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Beves 5 — McKinnis 5, Vasquez 5, Hunter 6, Nilson 5 — Stewart 5, Hogg 6, Vincent 4 — Wright 6, Daunt 5, Anderson 5.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson was undecided whether to laugh or cry after his team scored a convincing 3-0 win over Brisbane Lions at St. George Stadium.

By  
**Knut Werner**

again but we should have trebled the score," he said.

Sydney City was trailing St. George on goal difference before the match but now holds a slender advantage after St. George beat Newcastle in Newcastle. The goal difference is the same but City has scored more goals.

At least a dozen chances were missed by the Sydney City forwards with Nello Borges and Gerardo Gomez off target on four occasions in the last 10 minutes.

Brisbane Lions swung into attack in the opening minute with striker Calvin Daunt lofting the ball over the bar from 10 metres with the Sydney City defence on the wrong foot.

It was to be the only occasion where the Lions managed to get close enough to worry Slickers' goalkeeper Tony Pez-





New Zealand's squad will be strengthened further for the World Cup by the return of Wynton Rufer, whose brilliant play with FC Zurich has made him a big hit with the Swiss ladies.

# Kiwis fly high, Roos grounded

Compare what's happening in NZ with what's happening here at home.

The ASF is talking about reverting, after eight years, to a part-time national coach.

Its planned four-nation tournament fell apart at the seams.

It banned visits by a Greek, a Portuguese and a Brazilian team — all of which would have given our players valuable international experience.

Nothing is so far planned after the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore.

We had two national coaches this year.

And in 1984 we're supposed to have a part-time coach!

I was a part-time national coach from 1971 to 1974 and the clubs for which I worked during that time — George, Marconi and Pan Hellenic — had to make enormous sacrifices in order to enable me to fulfill my national team duties. Luckily we managed to win three grand finals during that time.

I selected about 98 per cent of my players from NSW and in doing so I probably overlooked many from other States. For that I am sorry, but my club commitments prevented me from spending sufficient times to evaluate those other players.

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So let's forget this crazy notion of having a part-time national coach.

In my opinion, we need a full-time national team manager — who must also be a qualified coach — to co-ordinate all national teams and to supervise the coaches of the various national teams. The coach of the senior team also must be a full-time appointee.

There's been talk that Jim Shoulder may be handed the national youth squad. I've got nothing against the man, but he came from nowhere, was appointed national coach, and now he's suddenly a leading candidate for the second-most-important job in Australian soccer coaching without ever having coached a club side.

Sure, most of the 1983 national youth team players came from the Institute of Sport where Shoulder coaches, but then the Institute invites the best youth players from throughout Australia. By European standards, however, the Institute is only an advanced soccer camp. Such institutes should produce coaches, not players.

The people at the top in Australian soccer seem to be living in the past. They face the choice of making soccer

more professional or turning it completely amateur. The way they're going, they'll probably do the latter.

## Irresponsible

A newspaper columnist in Sydney wrote that my name was connected with Sydney Olympic even before Tommy Docherty left. It was rather strange, as I wasn't even in NSW at the time, and if I were a candidate, The Doc would have been the first to know directly from the horse's mouth.

I feel journalism becomes irresponsible when you write such things without checking.

The same writer supported the notion of having a part-time national coach, yet the writer himself was a full-time coach of both Canberra and St George.

## Rudi in Japan

Rudi Gutendorf has fallen on his feet again.

Since leaving Australia, he's bobbed up in Africa, in Nepal and in Fiji. Now he's landed a plum job as coach of Yomiuri in Japan.

His first recruit was striker Steve Paterson of Sydney Olympic, and he's currently in West Germany signing up goalkeeper Simovic, ex-Hajduk.

# TEN-STAR TONY!

## SM-Hellas 2 Marconi 1

Goals: 1-0 Brown 64th, 1-1 Henderson 66th, 2-1 Wooddin 68th.

Venue: Middle Park. Crowd: about 10,000. Referee: Chris Bambridge 8. Cautions: Bozanic, Djordjevic (Marci), Brown (Hellas). SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Yzendoorn 9, Davidson 7 — Halford 6, Crino 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 8, Brown 8, Wooddin 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD: James 8 — Djordjevic 8, Henderson 10, Budini 8, Bozanic 8 — Carbone 7 (Licata 83rd), Serranti 7, McCulloch 8, Hunter 7, Winn 6, Jankovics 6. Coach: Doug Collins.

"Soccer Action" doesn't award many 10-ratings — in fact, the only one I remember this year is for Zarko Odakov's performance in a 4-0 victory by Makedonia over Brisbane City — but Tony Henderson certainly deserved it last Sunday.

And Hellas's sweeper, John Yzendoorn, wasn't far behind.

Henderson has been in good form all season, and he no doubt will make a strong bid for a place in the national team for the Merlion Cup in Singapore in December.

Henderson led an extremely competent back four against



Laurie Schwab

Charlie Egan and Doug Brown — the most deadly attacking partnership in the NSL. When Brown finally did break through for a goal, thanks to lead-up play by Egan and Steve Wooddin, Henderson moved forward and promptly scored the equaliser.

And it was only a scrambling goal that broke the Marconi defence for the decisive goal. A header by Yzendoorn was blocked on the line, it fell to Wooddin and he slammed it home in the melee.

For the rest of the time, Henderson's defenders were quite inspirational — especially left back Vic Bazolic, but also Jovan Djordjevic and Ricky Budini.

But of course, they had to be Hellas had more of the play, and it came up with the best moves of the game, because of the flair of Oscar Crino, Brown, Wooddin and Egan.

Marconi's attack was subdued by Yzendoorn and Bobby Russell in particular. Steve Winn never threatened the

goal and Mark Jankovics came close only once — when he dashed in on the loose ball after Peter Laumets had parried a shot by Tommy Serranti. Laumets smothered Jankovics' attempt however.

In midfield, Crino was tops for Hellas, and Tommy McCulloch for Marconi.

But while the game had moments of class and excitement, it also had a couple of long, disappointing flat spots — particularly in the latter part of the first half. There were times when both teams did nothing but boot the ball aimlessly into the air, resulting in much aerial ping-pong.

Certainly it was nothing like that 4-3 elimination final of 1980.

But to Hellas's credit, the players maintained a high level of discipline throughout the game, confident in the belief that a result would come if only they kept plugging away.

The result is on the board now — and as a result, Hellas may win the championship as early as next Sunday (see preview, page 5).

Hellas opened brightly against Marconi, in front of a 10,000 crowd, with Brown hitting the post with an angled drive.

James foiled Brown in the sixth minute after lead-up play by Crino and Egan, and in the 14th minute, Brown tried one of the most ambitious scoring

shots I've seen. He was running through the midfield with the ball and suddenly launched a shot from more than 30 metres. But there was method in his madness. He had seen goalkeeper James way off his line and, indeed, the goalkeeper still was rushing back as Brown's shot went not all that far above the bar.

Henderson came close with a header from a Djordjevic free kick, and at the other end, Egan shot across goal on an angle.

After a long period of inactivity, the game came alive again in the 58th minute. Carl Halford, who had a quiet game, had a shot deflected, and the ball rebounded to Ken Murphy who, however, shot wide.

Then McCulloch launched a long shot, past Steve Blair, and Laumets only blocked it as he pounced to save. With Marconi players moving in, Laumets pounced again, and this time took control.

It was his lead stylishly in the 64th minute. Wooddin, who was having a hard time against Djordjevic, got a pass forward to Egan, who laid it back quickly to Brown, and "The Bomber" belted it first-time past James.

Henderson headed the equaliser from a corner by Ian Hunter, who gave Alan Davidson, a few problems, but Wooddin's winner followed only two minutes later.

How close however, did Marconi come to equalising yet again!

Winn would have been the hero, but his angled low shot was turned away for a corner by the tips of Laumets' fingers. Winn threatened again with a shot on the turn in the 82nd minute, but again Laumets saved.

## Wollongong's good run continues

By MARK BRIGDEN

## Wollongong 2 Brisbane City 0

Scorers: Dunleavy, O'Connor.

Venue: Spencer Park.

Crowd: approx 800.

Cautions: R. Cotton (W), Tokesi (BC), Liddell (BC).

Referee: Dave August 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6, Kowtan 6, Wilkinson 7, Tokesi 6 (Hughes 45th, 7), Perry 7, Liddell 8, Bromfield 7, Fabrizio 6, Chapman 6, Cairns 8, Falcio 7.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 8, Willis 7, Kerr 6, Dunleavy 7, Vilestra 8, Ainsworth 8, Dummett 6, Mulhaurer 6, Cotton 7, Gaffney 7, O'Connor 8.

Brisbane City coach Jim Herminston gambled on youth and lost for the second consecutive week as his team went down 2-0 to the revitalised Wollongong at Spencer Park.

The absence of experienced players like Bobby Hamilton, Billy Williamson and Frank Pimblett, has left the City team a shadow of that which led the league earlier this year, and presented Wollongong with few problems in its bid to lengthen its unbeaten run to five games.

The first goal came in the ninth minute when Chris Dunleavy rose unchallenged at the far post to head in a Phil O'Connor corner. Brisbane City pushed forward in search of the equaliser but left itself exposed at the back four minutes later when Peter Tokesi attempted a back pass under pressure. The nimble O'Connor pounced and although Wishart blocked his first shot he had no trouble scoring off the rebound.

Brisbane City, which tended to rely too much on the long ball for the flying Falco, finally created a good opportunity 10 minutes from half time.

Joe Cairney got behind the defence and cut the ball back to Angelo Falco whose header almost snuck past the Wollongong keeper, Jim Preston.

Three times in the first half Frank Liddell had goalbound shots blocked and he appeared the only person capable of beating the in-form Preston.

However, when Allan Hughes was brought on to replace Tokesi at half time, Liddell was forced to drop back into the backline thus depriving City of the necessary punch in front of goal.

Only Joe Cairney troubled the Wollongong defence but his cross was not capitalised on by Gary Bromfield or Falco as Ray Vilestra proved dominant in the air.

Overall it was a scrappy game with neither team able to gain control. Wollongong showed the more aggression and deserved its victory over a Brisbane City team which



Wollongong coach Willie Wallace (right) shakes hands with his team's goalscorer against Brisbane City, Roy Cotton (left) and Phil O'Connor. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

# History made in dull fashion

## Canberra 2 Adel. City 1

Goals: Gibson (pen), Farina (Can); Blair (AC).

CANBERRA: Hummel 7, Young 7, Murray 8, Byrne 7, Ambrosino 7; Christopoulos 7, Stone 7, Gibson 7, Brennan 7 (Redmond 30th) 7, Farina 8, MacLaren 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7, Dods 7, Nykshous 7, Flouderers 7, Shillbear 7, Clarter 7, Blair 8, Melta 8, Rankin 7, Maxwell 7, Mullens 8.

Ref: Glyn Davies, Canberra.

Crowd: 1,032

Cautions: Murray (yellow card)

Canberra achieved a history-making eighth home win and three vital points to shoot three places higher on the league ladder with a 2-1 victory over Adelaide City in Canberra on Sunday.

But the game was a poor spectacle — dull, uncommensal, unexciting.

It took a 76th minute penalty to break the deadlock and give Canberra the vital three points.

And it was a win Canberra deserved. Despite a reshuffle caused by a tragic training injury to Steve Bryant only 48 hours before the game which ended his involvement in the remainder of the season (he broke an ankle), Canberra generally was the more purposeful and aggressive.

Too often, unfortunately, the game fell away to be territorial with precious few genuine attempts on goal from either set of forwards.

Canberra started superbly and applied all of the early pressure. And it should have been a goal up within a matter of minutes.

Young striker Frank Farina burst into a one-to-one situation but blasted straight into the hands of Adelaide City's goalkeeper, Willie McNally.

Then came the lull and a brief rekindling when again Farina burst clear and this time beat McNally with his shot. However, fullback Glen Dods was on the spot to clear what would have been a certain goal.

At the other end, Adelaide City was easily contained by



Peter Windsor

The 26th minute saw the game spring back to life with a gem of a goal by Farina.

Scots twosome, Don MacLaren and Gibson, combined brilliantly on the right flank and it was Gibson who deftly chipped into the centre. The ball was but knee high at best from the ground when Farina dived to meet it with his head to send it hurtling into the back of the net from 16 metres out.

Such was the pace of the header that McNally stood as if anchored to the ground. He could have done nothing to prevent the goal.

Minutes later (fullback Ambrosino chimed in) to Canberra's attack and his through ball was placed just inches over the bar by fellow defender, Terry Byrne.

Again the game fell away. Just sixty seconds after the turn-around Adelaide City was back on level terms.

Canberra's defence was caught hopelessly undecided and when a ball found Stewart Blair unmarked, he rammed it home with the ball first hitting the crossbar before bouncing over the goal-line.

Again the game fell away. Precious few attempts that tested either goalkeeper could legitimately be counted.

Canberra didn't look like getting an equaliser, until MacLaren was blatantly obstructed in the penalty area. Canberra referee Glyn Davies gave the penalty kick which Gibson converted.

And that was that. A game never to be rated highly and perhaps best summed up by Canberra's coach Atti Abonyi with these words: "A poor game — but

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he decided to stay with them. I heard that Alex Marshall's contract with Polonia was up, so I decided to try to sign him. He's got plenty of skill, can be a bit lazy at times, but I thought we could do things with him. But it ended up with Croatia and Polonia trying to outbid each other for his signature. I don't like that. I say you offer the player terms and if he doesn't accept them, then that's the end of the matter. If he's ambitious and wants to play with a team that's got a chance of winning things then he'll sign. But Marshall signed with Polonia.

"Then McClunie came on the scene. He'd proven that he could score goals in State League playing with lesser teams. He was a great back-up to the strikers we already had and he was a bargain buy. Unfortunately, for Richie, we had Latif, Cumming and Brogan all scoring goals, so in spite of the barrowload of goals he got in the reserves, he never really got a chance.

"With Brogan out of the Juventus game, I brought McClunie in. Now, comparing his game in that match with Graham French's, I'd say that McClunie had the better game. He worked very hard to get into one-to-one situations, although he never got past his man. But the committee and the supporters started saying that McClunie wasn't good enough. They all forgot about the goals he scored against them for Hakoah and Morwell.

"Ossie Latif became disenchanted with Croatia in the second half of this season. Once Brogan hit top form, Latif found it hard to get a regular game. The Brogan-Cumming partnership up front was powerline Croatia toward

though Green Gully Ajax piped Croatia by a point for the championship, Croatia was the highest scoring team in State League this year. Gardiner was accused of driving Latif away from the club.

"People have to realise that Latif is young. He's still learning the game. Just because he can hit a ball hard doesn't mean that he should be in the team every week. But he was one of the players the committee bought while I was with Gully, so there was pressure on me to play him."

Gardiner thinks that Croatia easily could have survived in the 1984 NSL with its present squad. He feels though that there will be many changes made to the team next season and the work he has done on the players this year will be wasted.

"I wish Croatia well in its new league. I hope that the club is successful, but I think too many new players will be brought into the side and a lot will depend on who's coaching them next year."

When Gardiner was approached by Green Gully Ajax and invited on its end-of-season trip, he knew that if he decided to accept, he'd mostly be fuelling the conspiracy flames already engulfing him. His decision to go on the trip was a personal one, based on friendships he has with players at Ajax which transcends their soccer interests.

"This trip is after the Dockery Cup final, when my commitments with Croatia were due to finish. My friends are my own business. It's a private matter which has nothing at all to do with soccer."

Recent press speculation, while Gardiner was coaching Croatia, didn't help his cause. Source: place in Canberra

# GARDINER: I'D PLAY IN NSL

"If it hadn't been for the players, I'd have left a long time ago. It takes a lot to put up with what I've put up with this year."

With Brogan unable to play against Juventus, tall striker Richie McClunie played — another score point with another Croatia teammate.

"I was told after the Juventus match that I wasn't even allowed to put McClunie on the bench. I told the committee to go to hell. I'd be the judge of where McClunie was playing."

Gardiner bought only two new players this year.

McClunie from Morwell Falcons and George Hannah from Hellas. Gardiner was confident his team could do well without too much new blood. He rejected Bobby Toul, who then was signed from Sunshine-Green Cross by Green Gully Ajax.

"I told the committee that bringing in a lot of new players would only cause problems. It's okay if you're talking about buying established players, but some of the players the committee wanted to sign were no better than the ones we had."

"I didn't believe too much in big, strong strikers before, but playing with Gus Macleod at Gully kind of changed my outlook on the game. I realised that it was good to have the option, if you ever were talking of knocking a long, high ball forward."

"I knew that we'd pin teams inside their defensive half for most of the season and I wanted a big man inside the opposition box. I went for Graham French at first. I thought we could improve his game, get him interested again, and he could improve the team's performance. Juventus initially let him go.



# ALL-STARS OF 1983

## VICTORIA

Here is our 1983 Victorian State League Team of the Year. Players have been selected solely on the basis of votes cast in our Ametco Travel Player of the Year award. In the case of a tie for any position, we have used our own judgement.



Steve Moore



Chris Kalifatidis



Gerry Bennett



Peter Lewis

**18 — Sean  
KEOGH  
(Doveton)**

11 — Tom Costello (Albion)  
8 — Lou Denys (Ajax)

**19 — Peter  
LEWIS  
(Ajax)**

19 — Ian Roodhouse (B. Hill)  
13 — Rick Liparski (Pol)

**21 — Chris  
KALIFATIDIS  
(Hellas)**

19 — Stefan Mile (Pol)  
14 — David Brooks (R. Wilh)

**15 — Frank  
MACLEOD  
(Albion)**

13 — George Bozika (North)  
12 — Donald Brownlie (B. Hill)

**30 — Harry  
HIRD  
(Juventus)**

13 — Gary Hobson (Croy)  
11 — Chris Taylor (S.G. Cross)

**19 — Josip  
BISKIC  
(Croatia)**

9 — Andrew Zinni (Juve)  
8 — Pedro Ramos (B. Hill)

**35 — Steve  
MOORE  
(Northcote)**

15 — Jim MacLean (Morw)  
13 — Kevin Lloyd (Juve)

**16 — Gerry  
BENNETT  
(S.G. Cross)**

14 — Richard Miranda (B. Hill)  
12 — Eric Young (Morw)

**18 — Jim  
WILLIAMS  
(Ajax)**

17 — Fab Incantakupo (Juve)  
9 — Steve Gojevic (Croatia)

**20 — Ian  
TUFFIELD  
(Fawkner)**

14 — Peter Verechia (B. Hill)  
10 — Dave Brogan (Croatia)

**29 — Tommy  
CUMMING  
(Croatia)**

15 — Paul Lewis (Ajax)  
9 — Bobby McGuinness (Morw)

## A TEAM

**STEVE WATSON  
(Croatia)**

**JOHN LEMBRYK  
(Avala)**

**KEITH  
SCHUMANN  
(Sutherland)**

**JOHN  
BERTRAM  
(Kuringai)**

**DRAGO  
TOMASICH  
(Croatia)**

**MARK  
HARRINGTON  
(Sutherland)**

**MARIAN  
KOVACIC  
(Croatia)**

**BILLY  
GRIFFITHS  
(Melita)**

**MIKE  
McLAUGHLIN  
(Blacktown)**

**NICK  
THEODORAKOPOULOS  
(Canterbury)**

**JOHN McKIE  
(Melita)**

## B TEAM

**ALEX  
MCPHERSON  
(Melita)**

**BRETT  
WOODS  
(Croatia)**

**VIC DALFORNO  
(Sutherland)**

**BRUNO VIDAIC  
(Coatia)**

**MICKY CROSS  
(Melita)**

**PETER  
FALCONER  
(Manly)**

**RAY FARRUGIA  
(Melita)**

**WALLY SAVOR  
(Croatia)**

**HENJEK  
SOBCZYK  
(Polonia)**

**GRAHAME  
ARNOLD  
(Croatia)**

**CLIVE EATON  
(Kuringai)**

## NSW

By ALEX VESIC

Many a coach, manager or mere spectator had an opportunity to pick his own side in the past.

Oh, it's easy, dead easy, just to sit down and pick 11 players you feel are deserving of your choice. But I've attempted instead to find the best "team" in the NSW State League.

I must warn that this is not intended to be a team of best players. It is a team of players I believe would function as a side and beat all before them in the State League.

To select a side which can function well involves a certain amount of risk. To pick a goalkeeper of the year would be quite easy for it would be a choice between Alex McPherson of Melita or Steve Watson of Croatia. Barry Hoare or Peter Freeman of Blacktown as well as Mal Haynes of Sutherland and Peter Ahrens of Avala had some fine games, but Alex and Steve, having conceded only 11 goals each all year must surely be way in front.

Billy Griffiths of Melita, Nick Theodorakopoulos of Canterbury and John Bertram of Kuringai are also among those who would fit into the side to beat 'em all.

Billy Griffiths for his value in not only giving Melita an edge over its opponents in the State League, Nick Theodorakopoulos for winning the top scorer award at the age of 19, and John Bertram of Kuringai (an Auburn), for outstanding performances in defence this year.

Let's look at the side selected:



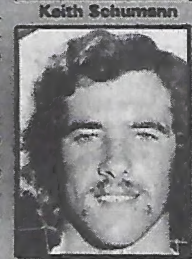
Nick Theodorakopoulos



John Lembryk



Keith Schumann



Dragan Tomalich





## Victorian Press awards



Victorian Coach of Year, Makedonia's Peter Ollerton (left) accepts his award from Laurie Schwab, representing "Soccer Action".

# It's Roos or England for Lewis

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Paul Lewis capped a memorable season in the Victorian State League with Green Gully Ajax by winning the 1983 Bill Fleming Medal but national coach Les Scheinflug may have the final say in this exciting youngster's future.

"I'm hoping to play for Australia in the Merlion tournament in Singapore later this year. I watched Australia playing England in Melbourne earlier this year and I watched strikers Phil O'Connor and John Kosmina. I know that I can do the job and I know that I can score goals. It's not that hard to score in a good team", said Lewis.

If Lewis isn't selected in the Socceroo squad to contest the Merlion Trophy, he'll go ahead with a planned trip to the U.K. He's due to leave on November 14.

He'll probably train with English Fourth Division club Chester, close to where he'll be staying. Lewis, 22, comes from a small town just outside Chester. He signed schoolboy forms with Liverpool as a 14-year-old but served his appen-

ticeship with Chester before signing professional forms.

Former Ajax manager-coach, Bobby McLachlan, now coaching Footscray J.U.S.T., brought Lewis to Ajax in 1981. Lewis top-scored in State League last year with 23 goals. He again topped the scorers' list this season, scoring 31.

If he's not selected in the Socceroo squad, he may be lost to Australian soccer. He'll seriously consider any offers to turn professional in England although he hasn't been sounded out by any clubs yet.

Lewis is yet to talk to Ajax about signing a new contract for next year when the progressive club expects to be in the NSL. He'll have talks with Ajax before going to the U.K. but it's unlikely he'll sign a new contract.

"I'm proud to have won the



Bill Fleming Medal winner, Paul Lewis of Ajax.

Fleming Medal. It's a tremendous mark of recognition from the Soccer Press and it helps people to take notice of you, which can't be bad for any player," he said.

The Bill Fleming Medal, named in recognition of the work of former 'Argus' journalist Bill Fleming, is an annual award presented by the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association. A panel of journalists, appointed by the VSF which sponsors the medal, votes on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis, a couple of hours before the presentation night, to select the best State League player of the year.

The City and Overseas Club in Windsor again hosted the medal presentation. An innovation was the presence of women at this year's awards night, finally ending the sexist practice of males only.

However, another discriminatory practice — the loyal toast — still is in operation. Now, I'm not at odds with supporters of the English monarchy. I just want to point out that this is a multicultural country, best exemplified by the soccer sub-culture. There were Italians, Greeks, Germans, Austrians, Yugoslavs, Croatians, Macedonians, Cypriots, real Scots and a host of others present.

What Queen Elizabeth means to them, goodness knows! There was a record turnout at this year's award, a sign that the function is growing in status and prestige. That's important to those of us who are ASPA members.

# Berger yet, sa player

Charlie Yankos reckons Victoria's best NSL player he's received after an outstanding national team level.

"I've been really happy with the way things have gone for me this year and this honor is reward for my efforts," said Yankos, Heidelberg Alexander's no-nonsense sweeper.

"Actually, I honestly never expected to win the award. While it really means a hell of a lot to me, the full significance of it hasn't sunk in yet. Being named Victoria's NSL player of the year has made me even more confident in my playing ability".



Heidelberg Alexander and Socceroo defender Charlie Yankos, voted Victoria's National League Player of the Year.

# Ametco voting, top scorers

Steve Moore completed a unique double with Northcote this year. He was the highest vote-getter in our Ametco State League Player of the Year award and by scoring nine goals in league games he also is Northcote's leading scorer.

What makes Moore's feat even more remarkable is that he started the season in mid-field but Northcote coach Tony Vrzina was forced, through injury to stopper John Creany, to switch Moore to sweeper with George Bozakis taking over Creany's duties.

State League leading scorer, Paul Lewis, finished third highest vote-getter among Green Gully Ajax players while Tommy Cumming, second highest polling Croatia player, finished runner-up to David Brogan in his club's scorers' list.

Northcote's Bozakis piped Polonia stopper Danny McCuskey as the leading 'own goal'-getter of the season. Bozakis scored against his own team three times, once more than McCuskey.

## GREEN GULLY AJAX

**VOTES:**  
19 — Peter Lewis  
18 — Jim Williams  
16 — Paul Lewis  
12 — Steve Short  
9 — David Hogben  
8 — Lou Denys

7 — Willie Vassallo  
6 — David Smallman  
4 — Bobby Toal  
2 — Stuart Cannell, Peter Boyle

**GOALS:**  
31 — Paul Lewis  
18 — David Smallman  
7 — Bobby Toal  
2 — Stuart Cannell, Peter Lewis, David Hogben  
1 — Jim Williams, Peter Boyle, Willie Vassallo  
Own goals: Mark Perree (Hellas), George Bozakis (Northcote)

## ALBION ROVERS

**VOTES:**  
15 — Frank MacLeod  
11 — Tom Costello  
9 — Brian Galea, Gerry Reilly  
7 — Dean Hennessy, Bennie Ferrie  
5 — Keiron Coyle, Mick D'Sylva  
4 — Kenny Smart  
3 — Peter Dickson  
2 — Ron McIvor

**GOALS:**  
4 — Peter Dickson  
3 — Mick D'Sylva  
1 — Keiron Coyle, Alan Bennett, Gerry Reilly

## BOX HILL

**VOTES:**  
19 — Ian Roodhouse  
14 — Peter Verechia, Richard Miranda  
12 — Donald Brownlie  
8 — Pedro Ramos  
6 — Andy Hughes  
4 — John McKinlay  
3 — Ray Taylor  
1 — Matt McDonald, Paul Priestley

**GOALS:**  
9 — Peter Verechia  
4 — Paul Priestley  
3 — Donovan Lawler, David

Azzopardi, Matt McDonald, Richard Miranda  
2 — Brian Keenan, Pedro Ramos, Andy Hughes  
1 — Ray Taylor, Alan McKenna, John Gabrielson, Donald Brownlie

## CROATIA

**VOTES:**  
29 — Tommy Cumming  
19 — Josip Biskic  
10 — David Brogan  
9 — Steve Gojevic, Keith Adams  
8 — Sean Parton  
7 — Jozo Antolovic  
5 — Ossi Latif  
4 — George Hannah  
3 — Tony Curcio, Peter Blasby  
1 — Jeff Faulkner

**GOALS:**  
21 — David Brogan  
19 — Tommy Cumming  
10 — Ossi Latif  
5 — Jozo Antolovic, Josip Biskic, Sean Parton  
3 — Tony Curcio  
1 — Steve Gojevic

Own goals: Paul Corke (Doveton), Jim Kalambokis (Hellas)

## CROYDON CITY

**VOTES:**  
13 — Gary Hobson  
10 — Paul Wade  
8 — Jimmy Rooney, Mike Rainey, Ian Dobson  
7 — Joe Sweeney, Steve Marley  
6 — Steve McCombe, Steve Irvine

**GOALS:**  
4 — Gus Macleod  
3 — Terry Nolan, Mark Brown  
2 — Peter Loughnane, Lou Kastner

## DOVETON

**VOTES:**  
18 — Sean Keogh  
12 — Peter Thurlow  
8 — John Dowie, Stan Webster  
6 — Graham Watson  
3 — Paul Corke, Mark Lennon  
2 — Ron McIvor, Andy Millar  
1 — Ernie Merrick, Ian Stirtton, Greg McLeod

**GOALS:**  
6 — John Dowie, Stan Webster, Ian Stirtton  
4 — Peter Thurlow, Mark Lennon  
2 — Billy Buchanan  
1 — Paul Brabbin, Colin Bartlett

## FAWKNER

**VOTES:**  
26 — Ian Tuffield  
9 — Cesare Fattore  
8 — Bruno Cozzella  
6 — Mel Anselma  
4 — Joe Palinkas  
3 — Jim Kondarios  
2 — Serge Sabadussi  
1 — Andy Bozakis, Tony Schipano, Bruno Sabidussi, Ralph Petrocchi

**GOALS:**  
10 — Bruno Cozzella  
6 — Bruno Sabidussi  
5 — Ian Tuffield  
4 — Joe Palinkas, Mel Anselma  
2 — Tony Schipano, Carlo Sabidussi  
1 — John Sannipoli, Andy Bozakis, Jim Kondarios, Michael Giacomo

Own goal: Andy Millar (Doveton)

## HELLAS

**VOTES:**  
21 — Chris Kalifatidis  
5 — Chris Bekiaris, Peter Vardaxis  
4 — Angie Postecoglou, Manny Anzicakis  
3 — Mark Perree, David Boziovski, Jimmy Armstrong  
2 — Mark Turudis, John Kane-soulis

**GOALS:**  
10 — Chris Bekiaris  
4 — Jim Kalambokis  
2 — Vlado Boziovski  
1 — Pepe Abraam, Jim Bitsonis, John Zvendorn, Duncan Cummings, Branko Buljevic, Steve Kakantonis, John Kane-soulis

## JUVENTUS

**VOTES:**  
30 — Harry Hird  
17 — Fabio Incantalupo  
13 — Kevin Lloyd  
10 — Pat Bannon  
9 — Andrew Zinni  
8 — Vince Bannon  
6 — Billy Rogers, Ged Bannon  
5 — Graham French  
3 — Paul Drinoczky, Jim Nelson

**GOALS:**  
9 — Andrew Zinni, Fabio Incantalupo  
8 — Graham French  
5 — Kevin Lloyd  
4 — Pat Bannon, Ged Bannon, Rob Cullen  
3 — Jim Nelson  
2 — Kevin Swinscoe, Paul Drinoczky, Billy Rogers  
Own goals: Tony Schipano (Fawkner), Danny McCuskey (Polonia), Frank Bezzina (Morwell)

## MORWELL FALCONS

**VOTES:**  
15 — Jim MacLean  
12 — Eric Young  
11 — Harry Bingham  
9 — Bobby McGuinness  
8 — John O'Callaghan  
7 — Jim Train  
5 — Noel Mitten  
2 — Andrew Halkett  
1 — Sandy Irvine, Billy Whiteside, Alun Evans

Own goal: McGuinness

## NORTHCOTE CITY

**VOTES:**  
35 — Steve Moore  
13 — George Bozakis  
9 — Colin Quigley  
8 — Mark Wilson  
6 — John Creany  
4 — Branko Culina  
3 — Spiro Tsetos  
1 — John Ginnopoulos

**GOALS:**  
9 — Steve Moore  
7 — Jim Sahinidis  
5 — Spiro Tsetos  
2 — Branko Culina, Peter Constantinou, Colin Quigley, George Bozakis  
1 — Sammy Wright, John Creany, Jeff Gorman, Arthur Patinotis, Mark Wilson

## POLONIA

**VOTES:**  
19 — Stefan Milla  
13 — Rick Lipiarski  
9 — George Petrov  
8 — Danny McCuskey  
5 — Andrew Czapiak  
3 — Peter Czapiak, Alex Marshall  
1 — Joe Tront

**GOALS:**  
12 — Alex Marshall  
11 — Janusz Przybyla  
5 — Tadik Krynski  
3 — George Petrov  
1 — Danny McCuskey, Peter Czapiak, Marian Jaworski, Andrew Czapiak

Own goals: Eddie Pena (Wilhelmina), Lou Denys (Ajax), Kyle Patterson (Box Hill)

## SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS

**VOTES:**  
16 — Gerry Bennett  
11 — Chris Taylor  
9 — Roger Bain  
8 — Carl Gilder  
7 — Steve Richardson  
6 — Jim O'Reilly  
5 — Steve Scerri, Mick McGorian  
3 — John Stevenson, Norrie Pate

**GOALS:**  
11 — Norrie Pate  
10 — Carl Gilder  
4 — Gerry Bennett, Roger Bain  
3 — Mick McGorian  
2 — John Stevenson, Steve Richardson  
1 — Steve Ellis, Hugh McCann, Dave Rigby, Chris Taylor, Steve Scerri

Own goals: Danny McCuskey (Polonia), Cesare Fattore (Fawkner), Tiziano Cavallari (Fawkner)

## WILHELMINA

**VOTES:**  
14 — David Brooks  
6 — Kenny Stewart  
5 — David Cork, Rick Janssen, Dave Gibson  
3 — Nick van Egmond, Stuart Lee  
2 — Neil Garvey  
1 — Graham Haupt

Own goal: McGuinness

# ASPA voting

Victorian Soccer Press Association awards voting:

## BILL FLEMING MEDAL

34. Paul Lewis (Ajax)  
28. Tommy Cumming (Croatia)  
23. Steve Moore (Northcote)  
10. Willie Vassallo (Ajax)  
9. Billy Rogers (Juventus)  
8. Branko Culina (Northcote)  
7. Andrew Zinni (Juventus), Ian Dobson (Croydon)  
6. Josip Biskic (Croatia), Harry Hird (Juventus)  
4. Chris Kalifatidis (Hellas), Fabio Incantalupo (Juventus), Harry Bingham (Morwell Falcons), Lou Denys (Ajax), David Brogan (Croatia)  
3. Peter Lewis (Ajax), Adams (Croatia), Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill), Dean Hennessy (Albion Rovers)  
2. Stefan Milla (Polonia), Sean Keough (Doveton), Vince Vannon (Juventus), David Smallman (Ajax), David Hogben (Ajax)  
1. Paul Wade (Croydon), Bobby

McGuinness (Morwell Falcons), Carl Gilder (Shrine-Gee, Cross), Jim Williams (Ajax), Joe Sweeney (Croydon).

## VICTORIAN NSL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

45. Charlie Yankos (H'berg)  
40. Zarko Odzakovic (Makedonia)  
15. Alan Davidson (Hellas)  
11. Oscar Crino (Hellas)  
8. Gary McDowell (JUST)  
7. Carl Halford (JUST)  
4. Doug Brown (Hellas)  
1. Brian O'Donnell (JUST), Derek Lea (H'berg)

## BEST UNDER 21 PLAYER

40. Con Opealini (Makedonia)  
23. Andrew Zinni (Juventus)  
17. Suleiman Curovic (JUST)  
10. Chris Bekiaris (Hellas)  
4. Ian McKie (H'berg), Oscar Crino (Hellas), David Hogben (Ajax)



Preston Makedonia's Con Opealini (left) being presented with the Victorian Under-21 Player of the Year award by Con Nikolopoulos, on behalf of Australian Soccer Weekly.



Some former Fleming Medal winners pose with 1983 winner Paul Lewis. Back row: Peter (Hellas, 1974), Frank Milla (J.U.S.T., 1973), John Gaffner (George Cross, 1972). Front row: Tommy Cumming (Croatia, 1978, 1979), Billy Vojtek (Juventus, 1975).

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t winning the award for  
inforces the recognition  
ding season at club and

not that Yankos is short of con-  
fidence. His displays in a green and  
d strip against the might of Eng-  
d earlier this year stamped him as  
Australian international of no mean  
ture.  
"When you play for your country its  
tremely different to playing at club  
al. Even though we had quality  
yers playing for Australia, you've  
to really concentrate for the full 90  
utes against the likes of Trevor  
incis and Sammy Lee.  
I'm hoping to be able to play for  
italia in the Merlion Trophy in  
gapore and I see no reason, provid-  
we have the same attitude we had  
inst England, why we can't do  
I. I'm really looking forward to this  
moment."

back to club level. Heidelberg has  
a disappointing year. It got off to a  
start, then hit a serious slump  
ch caused a coaching reshuffle,  
Tansey replacing Kenny Morton  
at six weeks ago. Since then the  
has undergone a revival and  
kos is enjoying his game again.  
We all got together when Jimmy  
speak and Gary Cole took over and  
sponsored the National Cup semi-  
final coming up soon against Hellas.  
realised that if we wanted success  
year, then the Cup was our last  
nce. The best we can finish in the  
ue is sixth.

Right now, this is the best I've  
Heidelberg play as a team and  
been at the club for four or five  
rs. We had some great seasons  
er Len McKendry and he's a really  
rb coach. But he used to really get  
k into us if we did things wrong.  
re's not that same pressure now.  
ye got a bit more freedom and  
re not so stereotyped.

I really think that we'll win the  
I doesn't matter where either  
is on the league ladder when we  
Hellas. It's always going to be a  
h game but I'm confident that  
I beat them."

## etails

3. Mike Peterson (H'berg), Steve  
ojovic (Croatia).
2. Mike Valentine (H'berg), Con  
akos (South Oakleigh), John  
abrielson (Box Hill).

### COACH OF THE YEAR

43. Peter Ollerton (Makedonia).
37. Bobby McLachlan (JUST).
28. Len McKendry (Ajax).
12. Bill Murray (Box Hill).
5. John Gardiner (Croatia), Manos  
lilios (Yarraville).
4. Takis Svingos (Port Melbourne).
2. Danny McMinimae (Frankston  
ineal).
1. David Smallman (Ajax).

### REFEREE OF THE YEAR

46. Chris Sambridge
32. Sam Zoumas
30. Jim Fearn
16. Snowy Mellings
5. Dennis Voutinas
3. Evan Venios.



What a 36th birthday present for Chris  
Hinge, seen holding his trophy for the  
13 Referee of the Year, the fourth time  
has won the award.



is (Ajax, winner in 1982), Jim Armstrong  
Jim Pyrgoulis (Hellas, 1971), Paul Lewis.



**1970**  
George Blues  
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt  
23 points



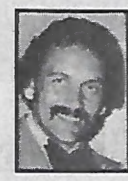
**1971**  
John Watkiss  
Hakoah Eastern Sub  
31 points



**1972**  
Manfred Schaefer  
St. George Budapest  
30 points



**1973**  
John McDonald  
Auburn  
30 points



**1974**  
Mike Trebilcock  
Western Suburbs  
19 points



**1975**  
John McDonald  
Sutherland Shire  
26 points



**1976**  
Bruce Stowell  
Pan Hellenic  
32 points



**1977**  
John Watkiss  
Sutherland Shire  
26 points



**1978**  
Terry Butler  
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt  
27 points



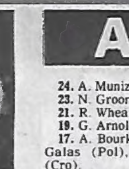
**1979**  
John Lee  
Bankstown  
36 points



**1980**  
Neil Williams  
Canterbury  
Murrumbidgee  
Olympic 35 points



**1981**  
Dezider Marton  
St. George  
30 points



**1982**  
John Stoddart  
Riverwood  
34 points

# ALL THE VOTES



24. A. Muniz (Avala)
23. N. Groome (Suth)
21. R. Wheatley (Black)
19. G. Arnold (Cro)
17. A. Bourke (Banks), A.  
Galas (Pol), M. Kovacic  
(Cro)
16. P. Ahrens (Av), S.  
Regan (Ku), R. Farrugia  
(Mel)
15. C. Eaton (Ku), A. Reis  
(Mon), S. Selva (Black)
13. R. Carney (Aub), T.  
Rasmussen (Black), B.  
Woods (Cro)
12. I. Barker (Pol)
11. J. Basterfield (Cant),  
M. Cross (Mel), W. Griffiths  
(Mel), R. McGinn (Mel), R.  
Sturt (Man)
10. J. Aquero (Mon), M.  
Harrington (Sub), H. Hos-  
seini (Av), J. Santolin  
(Mon)
9. C. Casertari (Man), A.  
McPherson (Mel), A. Scott  
(Man), J. Stoddart (Black),  
G. Viet (Mon)
8. B. Cashman (Suth), A.  
El-Zein (Cant), Z. Garlowski  
(Pol), J. McKie (Mel), S.  
Giffin (Banks)
7. D. Allen (Mel), B. Doyle  
(Man), M. Hayes (Cro), P.

- Kirwan (Black), A. Rob-  
ertson (Ku), N. Theo-  
dorakopoulos (Cant)
6. J. Andreou (Cant), T.  
Bertram (Ku), W. Brown  
(Bank), D. Duarte (Mel), S.  
Knight (Ku), D. Laing  
(Cant), J. Quigley (Aub), T.  
Smith (Man), L. Sterry  
(Cro), A. Tracey (Pol), B.  
Willcox (Mon), G. Vujinovic  
(Av)
5. C. Antonopoulos (Cant),  
G. Curcic (Mon), J. Clarke  
(Yug), V. Dal'Forno (Suth),  
D. Keven (Ku), C. Ortega  
(Pol), B. Vidaic (Cro)
4. P. Berry (Yug), S. Black-  
burn (Banks), M. Barton  
(Av), P. Daley (Mel), W.  
Farrsworth (Mel), R.  
Geekie (Pol), P. Hensman  
(Cro), D. Jack (Man), J.  
Lembryk (Av), T. Mihajlo-  
vic (Yug), W. Parker  
(Banks), B. Walker (Black)
3. R. Allen (Aub), D.  
Brown (Av), D. Curtis (Ku),  
R. Carrizo (Cro), R. Camp-  
anella (Bank), S. Clinch  
(Suth), R. Colbertaldo  
(Mon), S. Deller (Av), M.  
Dale (Aub), S. Ellis (Cro),  
P. Falconer (Man), L.  
Georgiou (Cant), D. Ham-  
mond (Ku), M. Hocking  
(Mon), G. Johnston (Suth),  
G. Knowles (Suth), B. Ka-  
ramfilovski (Av), M. Kelly  
(Aub), H. Kowalczyk (Pol),  
J. Larkin (Black), C.  
McAusland (Mel), S. Meneos  
(Suth), G. Noble (Man), C.  
O'Neill (Bank), D. Rezo

- (Cro), A. Roberts (Aub), C.  
Rootsey (Bank), C. Rogers  
(Suth), M. Silens (Bank), A.  
Scarfe (Suth), K. Smith  
(Pol), H. Silva (Cro), B.  
Thornthwaite (Black), C.  
Townson (Aub), B. Vassiliou  
(Cant)
2. M. Berry (Ku), S. Da-  
vidson (Ku), M. Francis  
(Mon), R. Gogic (Yu), N.  
Hunter (Ku), C. Hall (Cant),  
B. Hoare (Black), M. Hes-  
ford (Suth), R. Lasek (Pol),  
S. Leak (Ku), M. McLaugh-  
lin (Black), M. Rendell  
(Yu), K. Schumann (Suth),  
D. Thomas (Pol), E. Tomas-  
ic (Yug), J. Webber (Suth),  
G. Watkins (Suth), A. Wil-  
liams (Aub)
1. R. Agastino (Banks), P.  
Antman (Ku), P. Beggs  
(Suth), D. Bowman (Aub),  
P. Brogan (Black), R.  
Baumgarner (Yug), G. Fer-  
nandez (Av), B. Johnston  
(Suth), J. Karacan (Yug), G.  
McCoy (Mel), Z. Miokovic  
(Cant), W. Palmer (Cant),  
N. Pearson (Black), P.  
Terry (Suth), A. Rokoderea  
(Yug), S. Watson (Cro), R.  
Yousiph (Av), L. Zivkovic  
(Yug)

## SUSPENDED PLAYERS POLLING POINTS

- J. Binos (Cant), A. Brock-  
bank (Ku), A. Charles  
(Mon), J. Davies (Black), K.  
Falconer (Man), S. Hantzis  
(Cant), N. Jamieson (Mel),  
T. Kilkelly (Aub), G. King  
(Banks), G. Laws (Cant), C.  
Leith (Mon), R. McKeagan  
(Ku), D. McKenzie (Av), D.  
McIntosh (Yug), A. Monte-  
rosso (Cant), S. Plananic  
(Aub), C. Poir (Black),  
W. Savor (Cro), T. Steven  
(Man), S. Tanoski (Yug), C.  
Thamniades (Cant), M. Tur-  
koglu (Yug), W. Turnbull  
(Black)

# Medallist Muniz preaches skill

By ALEX VESIC

**Agenor Muniz, the  
Avala midfielder, has  
won this year's Roth-  
mans Medal as the  
best and fairest  
player in the NSW  
State League.**

It was a tight finish,  
with Muniz winning by a  
single point from Nigel  
Groome of Sutherland and  
three points from Robert  
Wheatley of Blacktown. A  
further two points away  
was Graeme Arnold of  
Croatia.

Counting for the best and  
fairest had Anton Galas of Po-  
lonia ahead of the rest of the  
field after six rounds, with  
Alan Reis of Inter Monaro a  
close second and Marian Ko-  
vacic of Croatia in third place.

However, Muniz picked up  
11 points in the next six rounds  
to join Galas as equal leader  
on 14 points, and surged for-  
ward from there.

"I am surprised," said  
Muniz after receiving his  
award from the Minister for  
Sport and Recreation, Michael  
Cleary. "I didn't give myself a  
chance even with only two  
rounds remaining. I wish to  
thank Rothmans for this won-  
derful award, my players and  
all those who made it possible  
for me to get here."

Barry Eaton, master of  
ceremonies, attempted to coax  
Muniz into a few words but  
"thank you all" was the sum  
total that came from the Bra-  
zilian-born player. An Aus-  
tralian representative 36  
times, and a former star of Ad-  
elaide City and Sydney City  
Muniz always has been a rare  
gem in our game. His skill was  
always evident while his  
temper was unusually "cool".

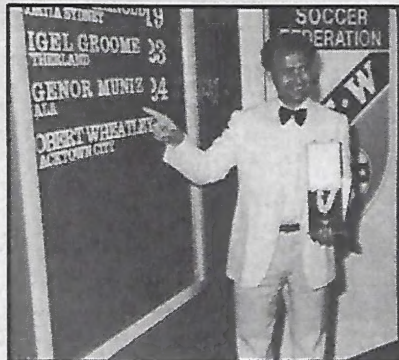


• From left: Sports  
Minister Michael Cleary,  
Avala officials Cirnanic  
and Velickovic, Coach  
Branko Krstic and Muniz.

for a South-American born  
player.  
"There is a difference be-  
tween Brazil and some other  
countries in South America.  
Brazil has the best record, not  
only in winning World Cups  
and Coppa Libertadores  
(South American  
Championships), but also in  
fair play," he said. "To con-  
centrate on skill and less over  
enthusiastic play would lift the  
game in this State and all over  
Australia and certainly con-  
tribute to attendances. I have  
always tried to do the unex-  
pected, which confuses the op-  
ponent and lifts the enthu-  
siasm among spectators. I also  
try to avoid fights - there is  
no place for unusual roughness  
in the game," added the shy  
winner.



Agenor Muniz, fifth from the left, with the Avala team.



Avala's Agenor Muniz with the Rothmans Medal. Pic-  
tures by D. Velickovic.

# McDonald, Rooney hold records

**NSW Rothmans Medal Statistics:**  
Record score: John Lee  
(Bankstown), 36 points, 1979.  
Biggest winning margin:  
John Stoddart, 9 points clear,  
1982.

Most successful clubs: A.  
P.I.A. Leichhardt and Suther-  
land Shire, 2 wins each.

Most consistently placed  
player since inception: John  
McDonald (Auburn and Suther-  
land Shire) who won the  
Medal in 1973 and 1975 and  
finished in top six players on two  
other occasions - 1978 and  
1979.

Lowest winning score: 19  
points in 1974 when Mike Tre-  
bilcock (Western Suburbs) and  
Allan Maher (Sutherland  
Shire) tied. Trebilcock won on  
a countback of first preference  
votes.

Most appearances in top six  
points scorers: Jimmy Rooney  
(S.F.C. Prague and A.P.I.A.  
Leichhardt) 5 times (1971 eq  
4th, 1972 eq 3rd, 1973 eq 4th  
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Only dual Medal winners:  
John Watkiss 1972 with Hakoah  
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Sutherland Shire, and John  
McDonald 1973 (Auburn) and  
1975 (Sutherland Shire).

Closest finishes between top

six players since inception of  
Medal: 1974 when Mike Tre-  
bilcock (Western Suburbs) tied  
with Allan Maher (Sutherland  
Shire) on 19 points and won on  
a countback and only three  
points separated the top six

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# HAIL GOJEVIC, BISKIC!

MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Gojevic 43rd, 52nd, Cumming 12th, Brogan penalty 40th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 0. State League Cup final at Olympic Park No. 1. Second game of a double header. Crowd: about 5,000. Referee: Voutsinas 5.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Blasby 7 - Curcio 8, Adams 8, Parton 8, Hannah 8 (Blasby 80th) - Biskic 9, Antolovic 8, Faulkner 8, Gojevic 9 - Brogan 8, Cumming 8 (Latif 56th). Coach: Tommy Cumming.

**GREEN GULLY AJAX:** Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 6, Short 7, Cannell 6, Hogben 6 (inj. Krizanic 65th) - Mancinelli 5 (Grechan H.T. 5), Boyle 6, Williams 7 - Toal 4, Smallman 5, Peter Lewis 4. Coach: David Smallman.



Croatia player-coach Tommy Cumming (left) surges toward goal with Ajax right back Peter Lewis in pursuit.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

As long as I draw breath, I'll never forget the Steve Gojevic-Josip Biskic show which held me spellbound during the 1983 State League Cup final.

These young Croatia stars taunted, teased, tormented, terrified then tore apart their opponents in a resounding triumph for skill, flair and imagination and a stunning display of how to go about completely dismantling the previously invincible Green Gully Ajax machine. No scrap merchant in the land would have given you a cent for what was left.

Croatia player-coach Tommy Cumming knew all along that Ajax's time was up. He told me the two days before his match, at the Fleming Medal presentation night, that Croatia was the better team and would win. "They'll (Ajax) get a surprise on Sunday. They won't kick us off the park", he had said.

You weren't wrong Tommy. Ajax players rarely got near enough to kick anything, let alone a ball or a leg.

"They don't like it up them. We played them off the park today. We've always been the better side and we put a bit of dig into our game and showed them up for what they are", said Cumming after the match.

People at other clubs have been telling me all year that Ajax players and officials have become arrogant with success. I wish those people had spoken to the Ajax players and officials I spoke to after this crushing Croatia victory. They would have learned that Ajax was only too ready to concede that it had been completely outplayed.

"They had far more fight than us. They wanted to win more than we did", said player-coach David Smallman. "I've got no excuses. They were far better".

Apart from Gojevic's exciting close control, I was most impressed with his attitude. An Ajax player punched the 18 year old in the face late in the first half. Gojevic received treatment, then



Jubilant Croatia captain Keith Adams roars in triumph and holds the 1983 State League Cup high after leading his team to a 4-0 victory. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

carried on from where he had left off — in complete control.

Poor David Hogben. He's a good player but Biskic ran rings around him. And the more Biskic skated past Hogben, the less the Ajax player wanted to charge forward when his team was in possession.

What about the cheek of Biskic in the second half when he could have passed on three or four occasions but held the ball, dodging the tackles of two Ajax players out wide on the right? The Croatia fans were giggling delightedly in the grandstand. Biskic was having a ball.

While Biskic and Gojevic were crushing Ajax out wide, left Faulkner and Iozo Antolovic were having fun of their own in more central midfield roles. Ajax's opposition reached farcical proportions late in the match when Faulkner nutmegged an opponent and ran onto the ball with his arm in the air. I found out later that Faulkner was signalling to a friend in the crowd. Now, that's confidence for you!

Antolovic too, showed superb ball skills and an uncanny understanding with Biskic down Croatia's right flank.

The only reason that Gojevic and Biskic didn't get a 10 rating is that I don't believe in perfection. But their performances were as close as you could get.

Croatia went to Ajax from the outset. Ajax was without Willie Vassallo, nursing a knee injury. Young Fabio Mancinelli took Vassallo's midfield place and made no impression whatsoever. He had many fellow strugglers about him.

Kell Grechan replaced Mancinelli at half time but by then Croatia led 3-0 and Ajax was a well beaten team.

The first 45 minutes sparked with champagne football from Croatia.

Sure, Ajax knocked the ball about at the back but it battled hard to keep possession and get into its attacking third. Indeed, I can't remember Croatia goal Peter Blasby having to pull off a save in the first half. In fact, when Jim Williams struck a firm 25 metre shot straight at Blasby in the 81st minute the Croatia keeper finally realised that he too was taking part. And in the 75th minute Bobby Toal got onto the end of Ajax's only real chance but thumped the ball over from 12 metres.

It was the dominance of Croatia's midfield quartet which made possession for Toal and Paul Lewis such a rarity. Tony Curcio marked Lewis out of the game. Gojevic

Hannah took care of Toal. Croatia captain Keith Adams had an easy afternoon. Sean Parton too, was never beaten. Faulkner and Cumming had shots inside the first 10 minutes which failed to find the mark. Then Cumming opened the scoring in the 12th minute with a move which highlights the passing ability and off-the-ball running of Croatia.

Gojevic was just outside the Croatia area when he picked up the ball from an Ajax corner. He played it wide to Parton on the left and the big stopper charged forward. Parton and Faulkner played a one-two just inside Croatia's attacking half then Parton switched play to Antolovic, wide on the right. Gojevic had been making a 60 metre run off-the-ball which was rewarded when Antolovic knuckled the ball forward to Gojevic, who checked back inside a defender and crossed. Steve Short headed the ball high in the air, Faulkner backheaded and there was Cumming at the far post, unmarked, and the little striker knocked it in with a low shot from six metres out.

Croatia fans were delirious. Their joy was heightened as Croatia kept hammering Ajax and finally broke through once more in the 40th minute. Hogben played the ball back to Peter Boyle who slipped under pressure from Cumming. The Croatia player-coach surged into the area and was scythed down by a clumsy, unnecessary tackle from Stuart Cannell. Dave Brogan converted the penalty correctly awarded by referee Dennis Voutsinas.

However, I can't agree with an earlier decision by Voutsinas — to book Adams for time wasting. Antolovic had been injured in a tackle with Jim Williams and was on the sideline recovering. Adams deliberately pretended to be tying up his laces, refusing to take a throw-in, while Antolovic recovered. Voutsinas booked Adams.

I've got to ask which offence is greater — wasting time or fouling opponents? Boyle featured in a succession of fouls in the first 30 minutes, all spotted by Voutsinas who awarded free kicks to Croatia. Boyle wasn't cautioned. Cumming too, went mighty close to earning a caution, but Voutsinas still kept his yellow card unemployed. Until Adams wasted time.

Croatia fans still were roaring their approval of the second goal when Gojevic sent them drunk with delight. He won the ball in a tackle about 15 metres inside his attacking half. Ajax had moved forward and when Gojevic took them

by surprise by coming out of the tackle with the ball, just one opponent confronted him. It was an incredible sight. Gojevic had three or four team mates around him as he beat the last Ajax player in his way, carried the ball forward, drew Lou Denys out then slipped it low into goal. That was in the 43rd minute. It was 3-0 and no contest. The State League Cup had Croatia's name written all over it.

Ajax fans probably expected some sort of second half fight-back. It never materialised. Within eight minutes of the restart Gojevic made it 4-0. By now the youngster was in his element. Nutmegging records were set. Ajax defenders were searching for holes to hide their embarrassment in. Croatia fans were shouting themselves hoarse and coach Cumming even took pity on Ajax, taking himself off and letting Ossie Latif join the revelry. Latif tested the strength of the crossbar late in the game with a left foot drive.

And Gojevic would have capped a memorable display with an 18 metre drive in the final minute which dipped and swerved into goal but couldn't beat Denys, who made a fine save, tipping the ball just over. That would have been Gojevic's hat-trick and what a thoroughly deserved honor for the hottest teenage property in Victorian soccer.

Throughout all of this, the man who had moulded Croatia into an exciting attacking unit — John Gardiner — was at a coaching corner. Croatia fans hailed coach Cumming, who had replaced Gardiner a fortnight ago, when the wee man gave Latif a run.

Rightly so, Cumming was well worthy of their plaudits. But that was Gardiner's team out there.



Steve Gojevic



Josip Biskic

## Sweeney ends the misery

JUVENTUS 1 (Lloyd 82nd) CROYDON 2 (Irvine 84th, Sweeney 89th) State League Cup play-off for third and fourth place at Olympic Park No. 1. Sunday. First game of double header. Crowd: about 5,000. Referee: Feam 8.

**JUVENTUS:** Clayton 6 - V. Bannan 7, P. Bannan 7, Drincosky 7, Hird 6 - G. Bannan 8 (Hobson H.T. 7), Swinson 7, Lloyd 6 - French 7, Incantalupo 5, Zinni 7. Coach: John Margeritis.

**CROYDON:** Kastner 7 - Marley 7, Singleton 7, Dobson 8, Hobson 7, Bingle 7, Rooney 7, Wade 6 (inj. Saidi 80th) - Irvine 7, Sweeney 7, Macleod 6. Coach: Ted Dilworth.

Juventus fans must have walked away from this match scratching their heads in disbelief. The black and whites created more chances than Croydon but lost 2-1 after a three goal blitz in the last eight minutes.

When Juventus midfielder

Kevin Lloyd slammed home a superb, low, 22 metre drive in the 82nd minute, the game seemed over. Within three minutes though, scores were level after a crazy mix-up between Gary Clayton and Harry Hird.

The ball had been played back to Hird who was about six metres out from his own goal. Clayton came off his line, anticipating Hird's pass back when stopped. While this action was taking place, Steve Irvine was closing on Hird. The Juventus full back knocked the ball a metre in front of himself then stopped, expecting Clayton to come forward and gather. Irvine nipped

in with Hird and Clayton trans-fixed, stole the ball and struck it into the vacant goal.

I felt like crying. I'd cheered the Juventus goal, thinking that at long last someone had scored and put an end to this meaningless, drag game. Had Croydon opened the scoring I would have been pleased too. The Juventus to put us out of our misery.

There must be a nasty streak in Irvine, I thought, as extra time and even penalties looked possible. How wrong would we have to wait before the cup final finally got under way?

Then Joe Sweeney, a truly great character, sensitive and sympathetic to the growing restlessness among the crowd, and obviously a Zico fan, decided to show us his class.

A minute of normal time remained when Steve Marley and Jimmy Rooney combined down the right, sending Rooney clear. The former Socero star chipped the ball into the Juventus goalmouth. Sweeney seemed too far forward to get a clean strike on target, but he repositioned his position and volleyed first time into the back of the net and Croydon had won.

Maybe I'm being a bit unfair to both teams. Perhaps because I was looking forward so much to the Croatia v. Ajax final.

It must be hard on Croydon and Juventus players, walking out onto Olympic Park knowing the win, loss or draw, nothing will have been achieved. Some Croydon players hugged each other with delight when referee Jim Feam whistled for full time and I don't deny these players their moment of joy. But this was no mighty triumph. It simply was the curtain raiser to the main match and a reason for the powers that be to charge a four dollar entry fee, rather than just three dollars for one game.

Croydon finished the season 12 points behind Juventus. Croydon finished State League Cup competition in third place with Juventus fourth. What does that prove?

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Joe Herman is Eltham's best

Former Polonia star Joe Herman won Eltham's best and fairest award at the Victorian Metro Third Division club's annual presentation night last Friday at North Eltham Hall.

Runner-up in the first team award was Mark Lewis.

Reserve team best and fairest was Benny Gillespie. David Cubley was runner-up. Mark Lewis did the double by winning the first team top scorer award. David Norton was leading scorer in the reserve team.

Supporters' presentations were made to Hugh Graham, Chris Briggs and Alan Raynes for their effort and consistency throughout the season.

## Moreland, Coburg to join?

An amalgamation between Victorian Metro clubs Moreland and Coburg? Maybe. Maybe not. Tentative talks have taken place but nothing concrete will happen until both clubs hold their AGM's and discuss the matter.

The Coburg Shield, an annual six-a-side competition, kicks off this Sunday at 11 am at Hosken Reserve, Pallett Street, North Coburg.

There are 10 teams in the competition. They are: Coburg's youth team, Moreland, Sunbury United, Ansett, Rosanna, Pascoe Vale, Waverley City, Clayton and Meadow Park.

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## 'Charity' says Langer

Ajax treasurer Arnold Langer slammed the State League Cup and the attitude of its players after Croatia's resounding win on Sunday.

"The State League Cup is like a charity competition. And all the Croatia people who are saying that their team is the best now have short memories. While Ajax has been winning championships and cups over the past three years,

Croatia only has won State League Cups — this year's and the 1981 one," said Langer.

"I'm disappointed with the attitude of the Ajax players nonetheless. I have the feeling that all week long, our build-up to this game was treated as a joke by our players. I'll be discussing the matter with David Smallman and Jim Williams this week."

"It disgusts me as an Ajax clubman, that our attitude was bad."

## Triumph for Knox in Metro Cup

KNOX CITY 2 (Lesbirell 3rd, Gerrish 75th) NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Mullett 28th). Metro League Cup final at Croydon Park, Saturday.

**NUNAWADING:** Fensham 9, Brown 7, Deane 6, Furzer 7, Gow 7, Owen 8, Baker 8, Moyle 8, Neilson 8, Mullett 8, Kennel 7 (Lesic 50th). **KNOX:** Mullett 28th, O'Brien 7, Schroeder 7, Blasinger 7, Fitzpatrick 7, D. Smith 7, Wild (Roddie 70th), Murray 6, Lesbirell 8, Gerrish 7, House 8.

Knox City strengthened its claim for one of the expected vacancies in the 1984 State League by winning the Metro League Cup at the expense of Nunawading City, the giant killer in this year's competition.

Knox threw everything at Nuna in the first 15 minutes but Nuna goalie Fensham was in fine form. In the second minute, House latched onto a bad back pass but shot straight at Fensham. A minute later however, Knox took the lead.

Dixon played an early cross to player-coach Eric Lesbirell and the former Preston Macedonia and Frankston City star made no mistake with a fine header.

Gerrish showed he had increased Knox's lead when he intercepted another poor pass back but Fensham again came to Nuna's rescue.

Nuna fought back and started to win much more of the ball in midfield. It equalised in the 28th minute after Knox failed to clear a free kick floated into its penalty area. The ball fell to Phil Mullett who slammed it in from close range.

Nuna had far more of the game now, but tragedy struck in the 40th minute when Lesbirell collided with Murturk and was taken to hospital with a dislocated knee.

Nuna substitute Lesic, who had replaced Henkel, had a great chance to give his side the lead in the second half when he rounded keeper Murturk but Lesic shot high and wide. Then Mullett broke through, with Knox defenders waiting for the offside flag, but the Nuna striker shot wide when confronted only by Murturk.

Roddie replaced Wild in midfield for Knox in an attempt to get more bite in this department and almost immediately Knox was rewarded with what was to be the winning goal.

Duncan Smith chipped a free kick over Nuna's defensive wall to House who shot from close range was pained out by a superb reflex save from Fensham. However, the Nuna keeper was helped as Gerrish charged in to tack away the rebound.

Nuna threw caution to the wind and could have equalised in the dying seconds when Moyle broke through and seemed set to score until a desperate tackle from Knox's best, Dixon, save the day.

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## Croatia and Ajax again; Wilhelmina, Hillmen to triumph

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The character of the Green Gully Ajax players will be under the microscope when the green and white meet Croydon on Sunday in the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals.

Ajax's abysmal State League Cup final effort will be in the back of its players' minds but I'm betting that they'll hit back hard by tipping Croydon out of the Cup in the second of Olympic Park's quarter-final double header.

The first match at headquarters is between Morwell Falcons and Melbourne Croatia at 1.15 pm. Falcons' coach Tony Boggi is quietly confident. He says that this will be a nail biting battle and that anyone writing off his side's chances, better think again.

Boggi has had to re-organise his line-up. John O'Callaghan is out, serving a one week suspension, which leaves Boggi

with just one recognised midfielder - Jim MacLean. However, if Joe Plummer comes into the team at right back, Harry Bingham then could push forward into the midfield. And Boggi is impressed with the way Tony van Baar's been training, so the blond headed van Baar probably will join MacLean, Bingham and Eric Young in Morwell's midfield quartet.

Experienced Bill Whiteside is back in goal and there's a far more balanced look about Falcons here with Noel Mitten and Bobby McGuinness up front. Bingham and van Baar will play out wide in midfield where their mobility will be put to good use. Young adds bite to midfield and MacLean is the playmaker there.

It's been a disastrous year for Morwell which promised so much and achieved so little after finishing in the top four last season - its first in State League company. The players realise that this is their last chance to grab a bit of glory this year however, I just can't see Croatia being beaten. I'm not so sure that Morwell's defence can cope with Tommy Cumming and Dave Brogan. I expect the game to be closely fought, but my money's on Croatia.

Green Gully Ajax should defeat Croydon in the second quarter-final at Olympic Park. There's an injury worry over Croydon striker Ian Loughnane who has been troubled by a knee complaint over the past few weeks and aggravated the injury in the State League Cup against Croatia.

Loughnane's recent form suggests that if fit, he'd surely play. If he can't shrug off the complaint, Croydon will line up with Steve Irvine, Joe Sweeney and Gus Macleod on front.

Ajax has yet to beat Croydon this season. The teams battled out a 1-1 draw at Croydon Park in the first half of the league season with goals from Sweeney and Paul Lewis. Up at Green Gully Reserve, neither side broke the deadlock and a 0-0 draw resulted.

That's all the spur the champs need to turn in another professional, well drilled display here and win a semi-final berth.

Maybe it's just as well that Croatia and Ajax will be in the National League next year. Then we might reach the quarter-final stage of Victorian soccer's most prestigious cup competition, thinking that a few teams have realistic chances of getting into the final. Not so here. You can't get a bet on a Croatia V. Ajax final, for the odds are ridiculously short.

Won't it be great to see the VSF finally do away with the shameful, engineered "cup draws"? If Croatia and Ajax, as expected, win on Sunday, can you imagine them being drawn to meet in a semi-final? Never! Our Soccer House bosses want these State

League giants to play in the final, and they'll probably get their way.

Ringwood Wilhelmina and Doveton, unfashionable clubs, clash at Wembley Park on Sunday in the first game of the quarter-final double header there. I think Wilhelmina will win.

Doveton will be well below full strength for this important match. Greg Macleod and Steve Gadsby both are cup-tied. Macleod played in an earlier cup round with Box Hill. Gadsby did likewise with Dandenong City. Their absence causes a major reshuffle at the back. Andy Millar probably will play left back with Billy Buchanan sweeping up. Paul Corke, as usual, will play stoutly in goal, so regular keeper Sean Keogh will sit on the substitutes' bench.

Doveton coach Hammy McMeachan wants to give young Adam Ryan a chance to play in goal, so regular keeper Sean Keogh will sit on the substitutes' bench.

Wilhelmina will be without Kevin Adams, Brian Caddle and David Corke. Adams has a hamstring injury while Caddle twisted ankle ligaments at training last week. Corke's absence however, if far harder to explain.

It appears that Wilhelmina coach, Rudi van Altena, doesn't have a high regard for Corke's talents. The former Sydney Olympic and Croydon player isn't even in the squad for this game!

Take it from me, David Corke is a good player. And when you've had the reason Wilhelmina's had, it rather suggests that good players are a rarity in your team.

Good news for Wilhelmina fans is the return from injury of talented Dave Gibson. The wee man probably will play in midfield alongside Barry Burton and Oscar Alarcon, with Brian Thom, Neil Garvey and Kenny Stewart up front.

I think Wilhelmina, on paper at least, looks the stronger outfit. It crushed Melbourne in its last Dockerty Cup match at Wembley Park. The feature of that game was that every Wilhelmina player enjoyed himself that day. There was little pressure felt. Consequently, Wilhelmina played well, with Garvey scoring a couple of great goals, and Eddie Pena showing off his now well recognised shooting power with a drive from 25 metres which flashed into the net before the Melbourne keeper moved.

Box Hill left back Alan Roodhouse will have a big say in his team's efforts to knock Fawknor out of the quarter-finals. Roodhouse confronts Joe Palinkas, who can turn a game in an instant. Stalwart



Croydon striker Gus Macleod - a threat in the air to Ajax?

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stopper Donald Brownlie has to combat the heading ability of Ian Tuffield and if Palinkas gets away from Roodhouse and starts slinging over telling crosses, the Hillmen will have a real right on their hands.

Box Hill goalkeeper John McKinlay and midfielder Richard Miranda are battling to overcome injury but are expected to play. Miranda's presence in midfield will push either Ray Tolmie, Matt McDonald or Andy Hughes onto the bench. Pedro Ramos, now fit after a nagging hamstring problem, is a certain starter.

Box Hill's Brian Keenan leaves for Scotland tomorrow (Thursday). During his six weeks overseas, he'll train with Glasgow Celtic. Hammy McMeachan, the Doveton coach, arranged for the former Melbourne Croatia and

Frankston Pines left winger to train at Parkhead.

Fawknor striker Bruno Cozzella has received permission from the committee to miss the Dockerty Cup due to work commitments. That means that coach Cedo Cirkovic probably will use Palinkas, Tuffield and Tony Schipano up front with Andy Bozlikas, Bruno Sabidussi and Mel Anselma in midfield.

Fawknor and Box Hill are old foes. They fought out the Metro First Division title last season and finished this season in State League in the middle of the table with Box Hill a point ahead. This would be a torrid affair with or without the added incentive of a Dockerty Cup semi-final berth. I think Box Hill can win. A lot will depend on the efforts of strikers Peter Verechia and Paul Priestley.



Seaford's under 11s maintained the sterling work of previous years in finishing second in their league and winning the Springvale City Cup, the William Bowles Shield and the Peninsula Region championship.

They've been winning for years. As under 7s for example, they won 19 and drew one of their 20 matches, and the following year, they played as both under 8s and under 9s.

In 1981, still playing as under nines, they won every one of their 18 games, scoring 102 goals to 13, and as under 10s, they lost only one game all year.

Pictured, from left, back row: Jason Bishop, Brendan Rainey, Geoff Gillard, Ken Solomon, Peter Gourouros, Craig Kirby, Stefan Lotosky, Derek Berends. Front: Steve Carter, David Moran, Clinton Adams, Christian Seisun, Kosta Athypis. Absent: Englebert Schmidt.

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## NOW IT'S KEW CELTIC

Kew City has completed its amalgamation with the Melbourne branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club, with both bodies under the control of the same committee, and now will be known as Kew Celtic.

Club chairman is Jim Douglas; Alby McCormack is president; Paddy McElhinney

vice-president, Mick Mitten secretary; Alf Owen treasurer; John Murray assistant secretary; and Don McNally assistant treasurer.

Andy Smale won Kew's best and fairest award this season with Paul Campbell runner-up.

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## Kangaroo Kid toast of Rangers



DAVID MITCHELL

U.K. publication 'Match Weekly' heralded the emergence of David Mitchell at Glasgow Rangers, with the following article.

They just don't come any more determined than David Mitchell.

The 21-year-old striker shelled out 17,000 pounds of his own money to buy his transfer from Australian club Sydney City to Glasgow Rangers.

And already 'the Kangaroo Kid' has convinced Ibrox fans that Rolf Harris and Fosters Lager are not the only good things to come from 'Down Under'.

After only a handful of games for Rangers, Davie is far from a household name. But ask any England defender about the second half substitute who created havoc in two of the summer tour games in Australia and they'll have no trouble remembering him.

The same all-action style that unsettled England's stars has made the six foot one inch, 12 stone player an instant hit with the fans — and one of the more bright points to emerge from Rangers' gloomy start to the season.

Davie's two-year contract — offered by manager John Craig after a brief trial period — marks his second spell at the club. Two years ago he went to Ibrox on trial but a winter freeze-up prevented him from making an impact and he returned to Australia.

"Rangers have always been the team I wanted to play for," he declares. "When I was a kid, I went to Ibrox with my brothers and, even after the family emigrated to Australia, we followed the team's progress in the newspapers and on radio."

"So naturally I'm delighted that things are working out for me, although I must admit that I'm a bit surprised it has all happened so fast."

In his first team debut in the League Cup tie against Queen of the South, Davie headed Rangers into the lead... After just two minutes' play! And he went on to lay on two more goals in the 'Gers' 4-1 win.

Seven days later, Davie confirmed his arrival in a big way when he repeated his five-star showing against Celtic.

In the white-hot heat of the 'Old Firm' clash, he refused to be intimidated by the occasion and gave the Celtic defence an uncomfortable afternoon. Although beaten 2-1, the big striker's performance did much to ease the pain of Rangers' defeat.

"When Rangers play Celtic it is always something special and, knowing that, I thought I was prepared for the game," he says.

"But knowing about it, preparing for it, and being involved in it are so different. The atmosphere is incredible and that tends to push the pace of the game. Towards the end, everyone was drained."

"It was disappointing to finish on the losing side. But we know how close we came to winning. If we were to play Celtic again tomorrow there would be no lack of confidence in our squad."

The furious pace of the 'Old Firm' tussle showed Davie how much more demanding Scottish football is compared to the Australian game. Having missed Rangers' rigorous pre-season training, he now finds himself working harder to reach the required level of fitness.

Looking back to England's tour of Australia, Davie confesses to feeling disappointed by the reaction.

"Too many people were in such a hurry to write off the results as bad England performances," he says. "We played well and were very unlucky to take only two draws from the three games."

Having represented Australia on 15 occasions, the Glaswegian Aussie is now committed to playing for his adopted country — and that needs him a little. "I would love to have played for Scotland," he confirms. "When I got the chance to play for Australia I had a long discussion with my father. We realised it would have meant shutting the door on Scotland but we finally decided it was too good a chance to throw away."

"None of us expected things to happen so quickly with Rangers. Perhaps, if I had known I would be in the first team in such a short time, I would have made a different choice."

"But there's no point in brooding over what might have been."

Davie Mitchell is unlikely to do much brooding in the months ahead. He is starting out on what looks like being a bright career with Rangers and, having won over the fans so quickly, his name is sure to echo around the grounds for a long time to come.

# Olympiakos meets Benfica, Hamburg starts cup defence

Hamburg, which received a first round bye, will launch its belated defence of the European Cup against dynamo Bucharest in Romania on October 19.

The West Germans, who beat Juventus of Italy in last season's final in Athens, were in luck yet again when the draw for the second round of the three European competitions was made in Zurich.

Hamburg avoided all the sides that appear its biggest threats and should have little difficulty in reaching the quarter-finals.

Three times European champion — Liverpool of England was less fortunate and faces the prospect of a tough two-leg duel with Spain's athletic Bilbao, which will undoubtedly defend in depth when at Anfield.

Nor will Kenny Dalglish, top British scorer of all time in the European Cup, relish his personal confrontation with Bilbao defender Andoni Goikoetxea, who gained notoriety when he put Diego Maradona out of the game for at least three months.

Gokoeetxea collected an 18-match suspension for a tackle which left the Argentine with severe damage to his ankle bone and ligaments.

Greek champion Olympiakos, first round conqueror of 1971-73 cup winners Ajax Amsterdam, will turn its attention to another great name of the past, Benfica.

The Portuguese, winners of the European Cup in 1961 and 1962, travel to Greece for the first leg where they will be content to defend in the hope of securing their quarter-final place in the return in Lisbon on November 2.

Italian champion Roma also faces a tricky assignment. It was paired with Csa Sofia of Bulgaria, which has earned a giant-killing reputation over the years by knocking out Ajax, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest of England, all of which were cup holders at the time.

The tie of the round, however, will be between Belgium's standard Liege and Dundee United of Scotland, two of the most dangerous dark-horses in the competition.

The Belgians are at home in the first leg and will need the cushion of a two-goal advantage if they are to visit Scotland with any confidence.

The big three in the Cup-Winners' Cup should all advance without undue difficulty. Holder Aberdeen of Scotland meets Beveren of Belgium, Juventus tackles Paris St. Germain and Barcelona faces Nijmegen of the Netherlands.

The European Football Union (UEFA) cup draw produced a number of appetising pairings.

All six former European champions were kept apart and the highlights could be two England-Netherlands clashes.

Nottingham Forest, the 1979 and 1980 champions' cup winner, takes new-signing Frans Thijssen back to his homeland to meet PSV Eindhoven, while Tottenham travels to the Netherlands to meet Feyenoord, the 1970 European Cup winner.

Two other British clubs are also involved in what appear to be cracking ties.

Glasgow Celtic, the 1967 European champion travels to Sporting Lisbon and Aston Villa, the 1982 Cup winner, meets Spartak Moscow in the Soviet Union.

But Bayern Munich, European Cup winner from 1974-76, and Internazionale (1964 and 1965) were given easier assignments.

The West Germans meet Thessaloniki in Greece while the Italians have a Dutch engagement in Groningen.

Holder Anderlecht of Belgium meets Banik Ostrava of Czechoslovakia and should progress with ease into the last 16.



## SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

# NASL to include games against overseas clubs

From ALEX YANNIS  
in Vancouver

Survival is the issue that hangs over the North American Soccer League like a heavy cloud despite the success of Soccer Bowl-83, which sold all 60,051 tickets for the Tulsa Roughnecks' 2-0 victory over the Toronto Blizzard.

Howard Samuels, the League's president, said there were several unstable franchises among the 11 that remain after the Seattle Sounders folded last week, and he specifically cited these trouble areas and possible developments.

• The Montreal Manic's future is uncertain, with one prospect being a reorganisation into Team Canada.

• The San Diego Sockers will have to be refinanced for the outdoor season.

• The Tampa Bay Rowdies, once a solid franchise, is on the verge of being sold, and their coach is ready to leave despite having two years left on his contract.

• The Fort Lauderdale Strikers may move to Minnesota.

The biggest blemish for Samuels was the failure of Team America, his brainchild, which did poorly on the field

and in the stands and which has been disbanded until April. Samuels insisted the team would be restructured.

The average regular-season attendance this year, 13,257, was almost identical to last year's 13,235. But the league operated with two fewer teams, and its 12 franchises lost about \$20 million, according to Samuels, who became the league's top executive 18 months ago.

"I restructured the league from the financial viewpoint," Samuels said. "I tried to instill a little business sense, and it paid off in a way because the losses went down by about \$5 million. But everyone has to do more if we want the league to survive. I think the league will survive because the foundation of the sport is there."

Samuels said he was encouraged by the success of the game among youth and at the college level. He said that if the league could survive, it would eventually benefit from this popularity.

But, he said, "The NASL is at the same level as last year and that is a big disappointment to me."

Another disappointment, he said, was the failure to work

out a merger with the Major Indoor Soccer League. "I did everything in my power to achieve that merger, but it takes two to tango," Samuels said.

The main obstacle in his talks with Earl Foreman, the MISL commissioner, was the length of the MISL season. Foreman preferred an indoor season that Samuels thought would be too long and would push back the starting date of the outdoor season too far.

As a result, the two leagues will compete for the indoor market this winter. The NASL fielded three teams in the MISL last year — Chicago, Golden Bay and San Diego, which captured the championship — but this year will have its own indoor season.

To satisfy the advocates of the indoor game in his league, Samuels said in an interview later this month, he would recommend the outdoor schedule be shortened to as few as 24 games from its current 30. He said this proposal would be made at the league owners meeting in Chicago later this month. The Cosmos and Toronto are expected to be the strongest opponents to that

proposal because they have two of the league's healthiest outdoor franchises.

To compromise, Samuels said he hoped to implement what he called "International games". Under this plan, teams in the NASL would play games against top foreign teams next summer that would count in the league standing. He said each foreign team would play all the teams in one division, so that, for example, a team from Italy would play all the teams in the Eastern Division, with a similar set-up for the Southern and Western Divisions.

Samuels has also decided to abandon the Soccer Bowl format, which has been used since 1975. At present, the two finalists play one game at a site chosen in advance to decide the league championship. Starting next season, he said, the league title would be decided in a two-of-three game series in the home cities of the finalists.

## Dutch star to Greece

Former FC Koeln leader Heinz Hoehner is the new coach of Olympiakos. He signed a one-year contract at \$5500 a month.

AEK Athens is paying Englishman John Barnwell the same amount, and has signed Tommy Langley from Crystal Palace for about \$15,000 and Trevor Ross, ex-Everton, for \$250,000.

In addition, AEK bought Bobby Akrikopoulos for \$140,000 from Veria where he scored 26 goals last season, and Brazilian-born defender Pavlos Papiouannou for \$170,000 from Rhodes.

Panathinaikos has appointed Jacek Gmoch as coach and bought striker Androkis Constantinidis from Atromitos for \$70,000.

Laris also hired a new coach, Australian Walter Skocik who previously was with Las Palmas in Spain, and signed Swedish international striker Will Erickson for \$240,000.

But the biggest capture in Greek soccer was that of Rene van de Kerkhof, who signed for Apollon for \$180,000, probably because Apollon also has a Dutch coach, Beurt Theunissen, formerly with Young Boys in Switzerland.

van de Kerkhof joined the Greek club from PSV Eindhoven.

Greek international defender Giorgos Firos, transferred from Aris to Hercules for \$300,000 and Apollon Kalamarias spent \$270,000 on goalkeeper Simeonovits from Red Star Belgrade.

# New Brazil star, Jennings hits 100

## Crazy horse

Sunderland City, not long back the pride of Wales in the First Division but now near the bottom of the Second Division after unleashing most of their experienced players, have turned to former Liverpool and England skipper Emyr Hughes, now 37, to join them on a three-month contract.

## Multi-cultural

In the Manchester United v Liverpool match 18 international players were on view and only four were English. Scots, Irish, Welsh a Dutchman and a Zimbabwean accounted for the other 14.

## McStay capped

Paul McStay, the brilliant 18-year-old Celtic player, made history in Scottish soccer, winning an international cap against Uruguay at senior level to go along with his Scottish Youth and Under 21 caps all in one year. He also joins David Laws as the only other 18-year-old to win full Scottish cap this century.

## Lohman captain

Jan Lohman, bought a couple of years ago from RSC Lockeren, is the new captain of Watford.

## Piontek boss

Sepp Piontek, Denmark's national coach, is a former West German international defender. Piontek, 43, reckoned to be a brilliant and

shrewd coach, a natural leader and has the knack of mixing light humour with firm driving.

Piontek has to make countless trips around most of the European countries to check on his players. Of the 18-strong squad which came to England for the European Championship tie at Wembley, only two are home-based. The other 16 are from club sides scattered all over Europe.

## Ardeles, Villa

Argentinian stars Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa, now with Fort Lauderdale Strikers in USA, are both in the doldrums. Ardiles, who broke his leg last season and recently made a comeback, may need another operation while Villa, who has been so badly affected by the heat in Florida that he was compelled to give up smoking after being replaced, is reported to be keen to return to English soccer.

## World final

Gemio of Brazil, the South American champions, will meet the European Cup holder Hamburg for the World Club title in Tokyo on December 11. The game is likely to be broadcast live or recorded on TV to more than 60 countries.

## Jennings 100

Pat Jennings, Arsenal's 38-year-old keeper, became the first British player to ring up 1000 Football League appearances earlier this year, created another record when he played



From JIM COOK  
our European  
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for Northern Ireland against Austria. He became the first Irishman to chalk up 100 international caps for his country.

## Greig booed

After Rangers' third defeat in a row when they lost at home to Aberdeen several hundred of the near 30,000 crowd milled around Ibrox Stadium calling for the resignation of manager and former long serving player John Greig.

## Johan Cruyff

Johan Cruyff is almost on the breadline with his new club, Feyenoord. The Dutch master who has reputedly earned annual salaries in the past with Barcelona and in America around the half million mark, is now reported to get only about \$150,000 plus appearance money and bonuses with Feyenoord.

## Armstrong hurt

Northern Ireland ran Austria ragged in their 3-1 European Championships game in Belfast but at cost. Gerry Armstrong, voted Britain's best player in the

last World Cup finals in Spain, was clubbed in the first five minutes by a late tackle from an Austrian defender and his Spanish club wants compensation from the hard-up Northern Ireland F.A. after he missed an important league game.

## James Garner

American James Garner, star of the 'Rockford Files' series on TV, is an avid soccer fan in the USA and takes in many matches. Frequently in England, he supports Orient as his daughter's fiancé is a barracker for the London side.

## Maradona out

Barcelona's Argentina star Diego Maradona will be out of soccer for four months after being carried off with a severe ankle injury during their match with Bilbao.

## Houghton triumph

Bob Houghton the young Englishman who carried Swedish part-timers Malmoe to the final of the European Cup has hit the headlines again by taking Toronto Blizzards to the North American Soccer Bowl Championship final.

## Scirea captain

Thirty-year-old sweeper Gaetano Scirea who has signed a new four-year contract with the club, is the new captain of Juventus.

## 2 to Mitchell

Glasgow Rangers have now scored 200 goals in European competitions. But

their 18-0 aggregate win in the UEFA Cup against Valletta fell short of Chelsea's record of 1971-72 in the Cup-Winners Cup when the Pensioners walloped Luxembourg's Jeunesse Hautcharage 8-0 away and then 13-0 at Stamford Bridge. In the Rangers-Valletta game at Ibrox David Mitchell scored twice in their 10-0 win with his goals in the first nine minutes.

## Cochrane fined

Northern Ireland striker Terry Cochrane of Middlesbrough has been fined two weeks wages and given a free transfer for what boss Malcolm Allison described as disgraceful behaviour in a reserve match. The 30 year wingman capped 24 times for Northern Ireland made what Allison describes as obscene gestures at an opponent against Coventry.

# Germans get tough

West Germany has followed England in outlawing the "professional foul," which now is punishable by a sending-off.

Deliberate handball is an exception. It will prompt only a warning.

Most German clubs have cut wages — and because wages determine transfer fees, they too are lower.

The top transfers were:

\$850,000 — Soeren Lerby from Ajax Amsterdam to Bayern Munich;  
\$680,000 — Dan Corneliusson from Gothenburg to VfB Stuttgart;

\$580,000 — Dieter Schatzschneider from Hannover to Hamburger SV; Bruno Pezzey from Eintracht Frankfurt to Werder Bremen;

\$460,000 — Juergen Mohr from Hertha BSC to Eintracht Frankfurt.

Korean star Cha Bum Keun, who often has played against Australia, was sold by Eintracht Frankfurt to Bayer Leverkusen.

According to "Kicker Sportmagazin", the Bundesliga currently has four world class players — goalkeeper Harald Schumacher (Koeln), midfielder Felix Magath (Hamburg), stopper Karl-Heinz Foerster (Stuttgart) and Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff (Bayern Munich).



# The European Championship

## Spain triumphs, top striker killed in crash

**PHILIP MICALLEF continues his history of the European Championships, which currently are building up for the 1984 finals series.**



Spanish forward Pereda (No. 8) puts his side in to the lead in the final against the USSR in Madrid. Spain won 2-1.

## Germany in 3-0 win

West Germany beat Austria 3-0 (halftime 3-0) in a European championship Group Six qualifying game in Gelsenkirchen.

Scorers: Rummenigge (3rd min), Voeller (18th, 20th).  
Group six standings:

Austria	7	1	2	14	7	8
West Germany	8	4	1	7	9	9
W. Germany	5	3	1	8	2	7
Turkey	6	1	3	3	10	3
Albania	7	0	2	5	12	2

Next match — Oct 12 Turkey v Northern Ireland.

## Japan loses to Sumner and Boath

By PAUL MOON

One-time West Adelaide Hellas teammates Allan Boath and Steve Sumner were the toast of New Zealand soccer after scoring all their sides goals in the 3-1 win over Japan in an Olympic games qualifying fixture at Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland.

A goal down at half time, the Kiwis appeared to be in trouble against a very capable Japanese team.

But, well-taken goals by Sumner (2) and Boath during the second period, in which New Zealand made full use of a strong wind, proved decisive.

Sydney Olympic's Ricki Herbert was a solid figure in the centre of defence, but New Zealand's other Australian-based player Duncan Cole (Canberra City), had to be content with a position on the substitutes' bench for the whole 90 minutes.

Japan did enough to suggest that its young team has the potential to become a force in Asian soccer. Right winger Kimura Kazushi made an immense impression with his pace, control and shooting ability.

New Zealand though gained the two points and its coach Allan Jones had every reason to be satisfied with the outcome of this — his first major competitive international.

For his predecessor John Adshead, the match was also a milestone, as it marked his debut as Television New Zealand's soccer commentators.

New Zealand meanwhile has withdrawn from the Merlion Cup in Singapore in December.

The number of participants in the 1962/64 Nations' Cup rose from a meagerly 17 in the first edition to 29.

England and Italy, which had snubbed the first edition, decided to take part but West Germany stayed away.

The competition's knock-out basis was maintained and 26 teams were pitted against each other in the first round which kicked off in the autumn of 1962 — only a few months after the end of the World Cup in Chile.

Holders USSR, Austria and Luxembourg were given a bye and went straight into the second round.

The shock of the first round was England's elimination by a young French side brimming with confidence.

England was held to a dismal 1-1 draw in the first leg in Sheffield but in the return match the exuberant French ran riot and won 5-2, also with the complicity of goalkeeper Ron Springett.

Italy, Spain and Denmark obtained easy victories over Turkey, Rumania and Malta respectively.

The closest first-round tie featured Bulgaria and Portugal.

The Portuguese side was based on the great Benfica team which had won the previous two European Champions' Cups.

Both teams won their respective home match 3-1 and a play-off was necessary.

In a deserted Olympic Stadium in Rome a young striker with the name of Georgi Asparukhov helped Bulgaria to a narrow 1-0 win over the fancied Portuguese of Eusebio, Coluna and Co.

Asparukhov was expected to become one of the most celebrated forwards in European football until a car accident in the early 70s brought his life to a tragic end.

The second round saw the elimination of Italy by a tactically-disciplined Soviet side.

The Cup holder won an ill-tempered first match in Moscow's Lenin Stadium 2-0 and in the return leg in Rome goalkeeper Lev Yashin denied the Italians with a number of great saves to help his side to a 1-1 draw.

Yashin even saved a penalty taken by Inter-Milan forward Mazzola.

France went through to the 'quarters' at the expense of Bulgaria while Spain had to fight harder than expected against a modest but resilient Northern Ireland.

The Irish held Spain to an away 1-1 draw but then lost 0-1 at Ninian Park in Belfast and were out.

The second round's major surprise came from Yugoslavia, beaten finalists in the first edition.

Sweden held the Slavs to a 0-0 draw in Belgrade and finished off the Eastern Europeans with a 2-1 win in Stockholm.

The talented Hungarians, led by that magnificent centre-forward Florian Albert, accounted for East Germany, winning 5-4 on aggregate.

The quarter-finals produced a surprise qualifier in Denmark, which beat Luxembourg 1-0 in a play-off after both legs had finished in draws.

Spain had no difficulty in beating Eire 7-1 on aggregate, winning both at home and away, while the USSR beat Sweden 3-1 in Moscow after holding the Scandinavian side to an away 1-1 draw.

Hungary turned on some fine stuff in its clash with the confident French. The Magyars won both legs to move into the semi-finals on an impressive 5-2 aggregate.

The final series was held in Spain and the long-suffering Spanish fans had every reason to expect their team to win the Cup.

Spain had produced some magnificent clubs over the years but the national team — without imported stars — never really hit it off.

This time, however, was their big chance. And with such a gifted player as Luis Suarez leading them in midfield and with Real Madrid striker Amancio ready to hit the big time, things were looking good for the "Red Furies."

The final phase was televised live throughout Europe and in the first semi-final in Madrid, Pereda put Spain in the lead with a first half goal.

But a goal from Ferencvaros wingman Nagy sent the match into extra time. Amancio then managed to slot in the winner to send the Bernabeu crowd — his home crowd — wild with delight. Spain was in the final!

In the other semi-final in Barcelona, the Soviets were too strong for the Danish part-timers.

Goals by halfback Voronin, striker Pondeinik and midfielder Ivanov put the Soviets into their second Nations' Cup final. In the match for third place Hungary beat Denmark 3-1 after extra time.

The final in Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium was played in pouring rain but still drew 120,000 partisan fans, including Generalissimo Franco.

Spain, playing its typical, game of short passing and quick, sudden breaks, took the lead with an early goal from Pereda.

But soon afterwards Khusainov stunned the Bernabeu with a well-taken equaliser.

The USSR had more possession in the second half but strikers

Chistenko and Pondeinik failed to break down a solid Spanish defence centred around sweeper Zoco.

The match was heading for extra time when, with only a few minutes remaining, Zaragoza striker Marcelino met a cross from Pereda and headed in the winner. The Soviets, and Yashin, were beaten!

At the end of the match hundreds of fans poured onto the pitch to congratulate their heroes. After the great triumphs of Real Madrid and Barcelona in the European club competitions, Spain was now champion of Europe.

Spain's coach Villalonga later blasted the Soviets for their "physical" play but had hopes of praise for Suarez, whom he regarded as a "Great midfield general."

The Spanish press hailed Marcelino as "the new Di Stefano" but subsequent months were to prove these predictions a bit too premature.

Coach Beskov said his Soviets deserved at least a draw after dominating the second half. But he added his side was let down by the forwards, particularly Pondeinik.

## SECOND EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP, 1962/64

Quarter-finals	First Round
USSR - Sweden 1-1, 3-1	Italy - Turkey 6-0, 1-0
Luxembourg - Denmark 3-3, 2-0, 1-1	Holland - Switzerland 2-1, 1-1
Spain - Eire 5-1, 2-0	E. Germany - C'ekosia 2-1, 1-1
France - Hungary 1-3, 1-2	Hungary - Wales 3-1, 1-1
	Eire - Iceland 4-2, 1-1
Semi-finals	Second Round
Spain - Hungary 2-1	Bulgaria - Portugal 3-1, 1-3, 1-0
USSR - Denmark 3-0	England - France 1-1, 2-5
	Sweden - Norway 2-0, 1-1
Match for third place	Yugoslavia - Belgium 3-2, 1-1
Hungary - Denmark 3-1	Spain - Rumania 6-0, 1-3
Final - Estadio Bernabeu, Madrid - June 21, 1964 - 120,000	N. Ireland - Poland 2-0, 2-0
Spain - USSR 2-1 (1-1) (Pereda, Khusainov, Marcelino)	Denmark - Malta 6-0, 3-1
	Albania w/o Greece
	USSR - Italy 2-0, 1-1
	Sweden - Yugoslavia 6-0, 3-2
	Luxembourg - Holland 1-1, 2-1
	Denmark - Albania 4-0, 0-1
	Spain - N. Ireland 1-1, 1-0
	Austria - Eire 0-0, 2-3
	Bulgaria - France 1-0, 1-3
	E. Germany - Hungary 1-2, 3-3

## The biggest stink since sewer men went on strike...

No other manager in England's post-war history including Sir Alf Ramsey, Don Revie and Ron Greenwood, suffered such a barrage of abuse from the press and public as Bobby Robson did after the defeat by little Denmark in the vital European Championship match.

It was not only the defeat that brought storms of wrath and scorn. It was the diabolical display of the England side which played like a works team expecting its redundancy pay.

England was so short of skill, so devoid of ideas and such easy prey for the opposition that Denmark must have thought its Christmas had come three months earlier.

Robson, somewhat timid in the hot seat of English soccer, feebly said he felt as miserable as the fans did. But the nation-wide criticism of him and his most unpopular defensive-style coach Don Howe may snowball in the coming months and make their jobs impossible.

Robson, so successful as a club manager with Ipswich Town for over 10 years, has already turned grey after only one season as Ron Greenwood's successor.

He is adamant he won't pack but his popularity and esteem took a dive even before



Bobby Robson

the match with Denmark when he failed to list his team until the last minute, omitted Spurs star Glenn Hoddle and continues to ignore that great match-winner Kevin Keegan.

On the other hand it must be emphasised that the England manager doesn't always get the co-operation from clubs and his repeated attempts to get his squad together for adequate get-togethers and training sessions before international matches have largely fallen on deaf ears.

It's obvious of course that England is short of players with exceptional skills, men who can cultivate the old dribbling techniques and those who can hold the ball to advantage. For one takes all the Scottish, Irish, Welsh and continental stars out of the English football league, fair dinkum soccer in Pommeryland is pretty hollow.

Robson and Howe are likely to survive England's two remaining European Championship games against Hungary and Luxembourg and even win them both while Denmark could falter in its three-match series against Luxembourg and Greece. But should England fail to make the finals next summer in France, bye-bye Robson and Howe.

Bob Driscoll (Daily Star) "Bobby Robson should get rid of the idlers who shamefully devalued the faith the nation invested in them."

The Sun (Editorial): "Robson's

Rubbish. Send for Cloughie. We don't produce a team anymore. We turn out a bunch of neurotics."

Denis Law (Star): "Forget the coaching books and put a gag on all technical jargon. Because it's obvious England have talked and coached themselves into a hole."

Malcolm Allison (ex manager Manchester City, Sporting Lisbon and now Middlesbrough): "Bobby Robson is not the right man for the England manager's job."

Mike Langley (One of England's top soccer writers, with the "Sunday People"): "I feel so sorry for our Bobby. He's in a job hardly worth having while clubs tie his hands and coaches turn out cart-horses."

Allan Simonsen (scorer of Denmark's penalty goal and former European Footballer of the Year): "It's time the old dog of football learned a few new tricks. What England are seeing now is a culmination of bad coaching going back several years."

James Mossop (Sunday Express): "Tell me it's not true. Wake me from the nightmare of a dark damp night at Wembley in which England's footballers slovenly surrendered to a group of modest Vikings."

Terry McNeill (News of the World): "England's performance generated the biggest stink since the sewer men went on strike."

## New Hungary

The new Hungarian national squad, picked recently by coach Gyorgy Mezey, is:

Goalkeepers: Gabor Zalozsari (Ferencvaros), 25; Imre Kicsi (Tatabanya), 28.  
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Midfielders: Hannich, Peter (Raba ETO), 26; Adas Kuruz (Raba ETO), 21; Gyozo Barcs (Raba ETO), 28.  
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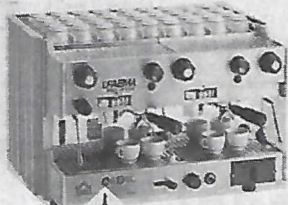
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La lega nazionale regionalizzata e' ormai da considerare cosa certa per il prossimo anno, nonostante qualcuno insista ancora a dire che ci sono ancora tante cose da risolvere; ad e' anche piu' che sicuro che la Juventus di Melbourne sara' una delle prime squadre ad essere ammessa.

Pero' non e' altrettanto sicuro che la lega nazionale sia la soluzione di tutti i problemi del club bianconero. Anzi potrebbe essere l'aggravarsi dei suoi problemi. E' innegabile che il club bianconero dovra' reperire quattro-cinque giocatori per ben frangere nella competizione nazionale, e' anche essenziale che il club assuma un direttore a tempo pieno per mandare avanti un'impresa il cui giro d'affari dovra' aggirarsi intorno ai \$400.000, e' anche molto importante che il "marketing" e le pubbliche relazioni del club migliorino di molto; sara' necessario mettere in atto finalmente una politica di potenziamento dei vivai. Tutta assieme il club dovra' funzionare ad un livello molto piu' alto per recuperare le spese maggiori e per avere i mezzi di piantarsi solidamente nella massima competizione nazionale.

A seconda di come si organizzara' la Juventus vi incontreremo ad un disastro o al successo a tutti i livelli. Le intenzioni e la gente per ottenere questo successo ci sono, l'esperienza comincia a farsi luce, ma crediamo nostro dovere fare alcuni suggerimenti a bene intenzionati dirigenti juventini.

### (1) Sfruttare la tradizione

Uno dei capitali intangibili della Juventus e' la sua grande tradizione. Dal 1948 il suo nome a Melbourne e' sinonimo di tutto cio' che e' grande, memorabile e glorioso nel calcio italiano. I successi del passato non sono avvenuti per caso ma come risultato di lavoro appassionato di una generazione di dirigenti e giocatori. Tutta gente che oggi non e' piu' tanto giovane e che non frequenta piu' assiduamente l'ambiente bianconero. Gli anni che passano hanno avuto un certo peso su questa "diserzione", ma la mancanza del necessario rispetto ed un pochino di gratitudine da parte dei dirigenti che si sono succeduti negli anni hanno fatto allontanare tanti vecchi juventini.

E' arrivato il momento di dare a questa gente il giusto riconoscimento, farli sentire a loro agio e benvenuti ridare loro una iniezione di "bianconero". Andando in giro e sentire ex dirigenti e giocatori che parlano male del club non e' tanto simpatico, e' pur vero che ci sono sempre degli incontentabili, della gente che si sente vittima di Dio solo sa quali ingiustizie, ma la maggior parte degli ex dirigenti e giocatori e' gente che ha sempre in cuore il bene del club. Vi sono una trentina di soci a vita che potrebbero avere piu' considerazione, come l'ammissione nella sala degli ospiti al campo, una lettera ogni tanto ad informarli delle attivita' del club una cartolina a Natale o a Capodanno. Vi sono tanti vecchi giocatori che giocavano con il cuore, senza una paga o altro compenso, che oggi meriterebbero delle considerazioni, speciali. Per un club, come lo e' per una nazione, gli eroi del passato dovrebbero avere un posto di grande rilievo nella storia presente e futura del club. Con le dovute proporzioni relative all'importanza delle cose, i Garibaldi, i Mazzini, i Cavour, i Cesare Battisti i Cesa della storia d'Italia sono come i Busidoni, i Sabidussi, i Bassi, i Plateo, i Barbazzia, i Penzo, i Viti, i Della Rocca (fra i giocatori) e i Borsari, gli Angerame, i Papaleo, i Pellegrini, i Primavera, i Longo, i Castellini, i Claiuro, i Mirabella (fra i dirigenti), e ci scusino i tanti altri che non abbiamo nominato poiche' a nominarli tutti non basterebbe l'intero giornale. E ci sono poi tanti fedelissimi tifosi che seguono la squadra da oltre un quarto di secolo, gente che e' sempre li' ad incoraggiare la squadra nei tempi buoni e nei tempi cattivi.

E' la lunga e gloriosa tradizione del club che lo ha salvato nei tempi difficili e che lo potra' fare grande di nuove adesso che ci sono tutte le premesse per un successo senza precedenti. I presenti dirigenti debbono capire il grande capitale che la tradizione, e la gente che l'ha creata, rappresenta per la Juventus e cercare di stimolarlo con un semplice sistema che costa assolutamente niente: rispetto e considerazione.

(2) Amministrazione 'professionale'  
Nella lega nazionale la Juventus diventera' ancora piu' difficile da amministrare per un comitato di gente capace e ben intenzionata ma che purtroppo non puo' dedicare tutto il tempo necessario per l'amministrazione della squadra. Il club ha bisogno di un ufficio con del personale "full time", non c'e' scampo. Le mille piccole necessita' amministrative debbono essere assolute e quotidiane, altrimenti si accumulano e causano il caos piu' completo. Il socio che non ricevuto a tessera deve poter telefonare in ufficio e chiarire l'errore all'istante, il giocatore che ha bisogno di qualcosa deve poter contare su del personale che curi le sue necessita' prima che subentri il malcontento; la stampa deve essere informata quotidianamente di quello che succede al club; gli sponsors debbono essere curati perche' traggano beneficio dal loro investimento, la "ditta" che funziona a tutte le ore di tutti i giorni al massimo dell'efficienza.

E' vero che la maggior parte dei dirigenti e' tutta gente che impiega molto tempo al servizio del club, ma purtroppo non basta. E' la goccia che scava la pietra ed e' necessario avere il tempo quando e' necessario (il che e' sempre) e non nei ritagli del tempo dagli affari. I dirigenti si accorgano anche che trascurano le proprie attivita' professionali e commerciali per correre al servizio del club a lungo tempo puo' causare una enorme perdita di "business", di pace in famiglia e di salute con le inevitabili dimissioni per non rovinarsi completamente.

Un direttore a tempo pieno puo' mandare avanti la baracca molto meglio ed allungare all'infinito il periodo di permanenza in comitato dei dirigenti. E' molto pericoloso illudersi che si possa mandare avanti un'azienda da quasi mezzo milione di dollari all'anno con personale volontario e dal tempo molto limitato.

### (3) Direzione tecnica

La direzione tecnica della squadra e' un fattore determinante, non solo per il presente, ma soprattutto per il futuro. Quest'anno s'e' finalmente accettato il principio dell'allenatore a tempo pieno ed alcuni risultati si sono visti dal miglior rendimento della squadra. Ma quello che l'allenatore di quest'anno non ha fatto, anche se era incluso nella lista dei suoi obblighi contrattuali, e' quello di lavorare per il futuro del club attirando giovani di talento e valorizzando il vivaio giovanile.

All'inizio della stagione l'al-

lenatore dovrebbe condurre dei provini per reclutare potenziali campioni (che siano pero' meglio di quelli che gia' si trovano nei vivai) poiche' le divisioni minori e i campionati giovanili sono pieni di potenziali Zini, l'allenatore-capo dovrebbe anche selezionare tutti gli allenatori (dal suo assistente agli allenatori delle giovanili) e condurre programmi di specializzazione per loro in modo che ci sia "una scuola" juventina; dovrebbe quindi tenerli d'occhio durante tutto l'anno e di tanto in tanto dovrebbe condurre "cliniche" per gli allenatori e per i giovani giocatori che egli dovrebbe imparare a conoscere individualmente, uno per uno. Con questa conoscenza personale egli dovrebbe quindi scegliere tutti i giovani promettenti e condurre per loro delle sessioni di allenamento specializzato per raffinare la tecnica di ognuno e per annullare i difetti che ognuno puo' avere.

L'allenatore dovrebbe anche lavorare nelle varie scuole medie della zona, per promuovere il calcio, per dare alla comunita' la sensazione che il club ha dei meriti comunitari che gli fanno meritare l'appoggio del comune e della comunita' in generale.

E' ridicolo dire che e' impossibile avere un allenatore a tempo pieno con dei giocatori "part time". Di lavoro e di coordinamento ce n'e' tanto da fare a tutti i livelli del club ed un professionista capace potrebbe rendere moltissimo al club lavorando tutti i pomeriggi, tutte le sere e al sabato.

### (4) L'importanza di investire

Nella lega nazionale l'importanza di investire, ed investire bene, sara' ancora piu' determinante. Il successo della squadra e' essenziale per il successo dell'intero club; quando si lavora i risultati sono sempre molto migliori a tutti i livelli se la squadra vince. Lo spirito e' tutto diverso, il lavoro diventa un piacere, gli sponsors sono contenti, la stampa da piu' risalto a tutte le attivita' del club e, soprattutto gli spettatori aumentano di numero e di attaccamento. Una Juventus che si battesse fra le prime della lega nazionale potrebbe contare su un minimo di 4-5 mila spettatori (\$20.000 d'incasso a partita) e nelle partite di campione come quelle con l'Hellas, il JUST e il Preston, il numero degli spettatori potrebbe salire a 10-15 mila (\$40-60.000 d'incasso a partita); e con tutto questo seguito i tesseramenti aumenteranno, le donazioni aumenteranno, la partecipazione a funzioni sociali aumentera' ed i soldi poveranno come manna dal cielo.

Però non bisogna dimenticare che tutto dipende da una squadra che vince e, anche se non e' sempre facile mettere assieme una squadra vincente e' necessario fare qualsiasi sforzo finanziario per assicurarsi i giocatori chiave che possono dare una certa garanzia di successo. Meglio ancora se fra questi giocatori chiavi si potrebbe inserire un fuoriclasse italiano, un Benetti.

o un Furino per esempio, che oltre alla bravura per far vincere le partite hanno anche la fama per far correre allo stadio anche coloro che non vedono una partita da 20 anni. D'accordo, questa e' gente che costera' una piccola fortuna, ma sarebbero soldi ben spesi perche' rientrerebbero con gli interessi. Un Benetti, per esempio, da solo attirerebbe almeno 50 spettatori in piu' (\$2.000 di incasso in piu') ogni partita che poi si moltiplicherebbero ancora nelle varie attivita' del club ed una squadra che avesse Benetti giocherebbe in un modo da attirare altre migliaia di spettatori in piu'.

Queste non sono teorie, basti guardare al fulgido esempio di Vieri al Marconi. Ai suoi tempi il club aveva un seguito enorme, non solo quando giocava in casa ma anche quando andava fuori, qui a Melbourne Vieri significava per il Marconi un paio di migliaia di spettatori in piu' ogni partita. Naturalmente, non solo quando giocava in casa ma anche quando andava fuori, qui a Melbourne Vieri significava per il Marconi un paio di migliaia di spettatori in piu' ogni partita. Naturalmente, non solo quando giocava in casa ma anche quando andava fuori, qui a Melbourne Vieri significava per il Marconi un paio di migliaia di spettatori in piu' ogni partita.

Con i fuoriclasse non bisogna pero' dimenticare i "gregari", quei giocatori meno dotati che pero' sono essenziali per far giocare i fuoriclasse. Gente come Lloyde Drinocky, pur non essendo grandi campioni, sono i perni su cui si muovono le grandi squadre. Una squadra deve avere varieta' di talenti: sgobbi che vanno a conquistare la palla, "maestri" che possono riserire le partite con un tocco magico, giovani che corrono e anziani che hanno esperienza... e soprattutto riserire per la panchina. Durante un campionato ci sono infortunati, squalifiche, perdite di forma di alcuni giocatori e se la squadra manca di validi ricambi puo' vincere partite difficili per poi andare a perdere partite facili e giocarsi il campionato (e la Juventus di quest'anno ne sa qualcosa).

Se la Juventus ha intenzione di andare in lega nazionale per salvarsi con una "squadretta", allora farebbe meglio a rimanere in lega statale perche' non attirerebbe molta piu' gente di adesso e le spese andrebbero alle stelle anche con una "squadretta". Il pubblico italiano e' numericamente grande e sa essere generoso, ma non vuole mezzi termini: la Juventus deve essere una delle protagoniste del campionato. Sono finiti i giorni in cui la gente andava a vedere le partite anche per spirito nazionalistico; oggi va al campo solo per vedere del bel calcio.

Per concludere, ritorniamo a ripetere che una Juventus bene amministrata, con una politica positiva di sviluppo di talenti locali, con una squadra capace di battere per il campionato possibilmente con qualche gran nome del calcio italiano, con l'appoggio di tutti i juventini vecchi e giovani (appoggio che bisogna meritarsi), puo' diventare una vera e propria miniera d'oro (e di successi) nella lega nazionale. Al contrario la partecipazione alla lega con una "squadretta", con un'amministrazione di volontari bene intenzionati, senza curarsi di sviluppare giovani per il futuro e senza unire la comunita' dietro la squadra, sarebbe un grosso fallimento.

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# JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## MAKEDONIJA IPAK KASNI

Makedonija je prošle nedelje zasluženo pobedila "plave" pred 5000 gledalaca na svom igralistu, ali pitali bi se šta bi bilo da je Joe Carroll iskoristio sansu u 63. minutu, koji se bila stopostotna, da se izrazimo jezikom navijača. Takvi se promasaji obično skupo plaćaju, što je i ovog puta dogodilo, jer je pet minuta kasnije Makedonija skoro bez šanse postigla pobedonosni gol, koji je povratio nadu za osvajanje titule prvaka Nacionalne lige Australije. Medjutim, situacija na vrhu table nije ni izbliza tako povoljna kao što je bila pre mesec dana. Ispred Makedonije se nalaze tri kluba na celu table, pa je tesko pretpostaviti da sva tri mogu pretrpeti brodom u završnici takmicenja. Zahvaljujuci Frank Arkou, odnosno njegovom iskustvu i profesionalnom opobojenju, St. George je najzreliji kandidat za taskav naslov sampiona Australije. Arkovi momci su prošle nedelje savladali najtežu prepreku u Newcastleu, što ne znači da su Marconi i Brisbane City savsakani zaloga. Sydney City imi krunjeli prepreke pred sobom, iako dočekuje Newcastle u Sidneju (što malo znači jer uvek ima manje navijača od protivnika), ali zato je gost Canberra City, koja je skoro nepobediva na svom terenu. Na papiru i South Melbourne ubatan put od cilja, jer je gost Leitchard i domaćin Brisbane Lions.

Onaj ko ne poznaje celi fudbala odmah bi, posle ove analize, otpisao Makedoniju. Ali onaj, ko zeli za mali ulog da dobije veliku nagradu nede slobodno stavio na "crveno-crne", odnosno maeura Zarko Odzakova, koji zna i može da promeni pravac vetra i sportske sreće. Onaj ko se unapred preda, ne treba ni da pocne trci, a takvih igrača ne bi smelo da bude u Makedoniji, narocito posle tesko izvojevanje, ali zlatne pobe na JUSTOM.

Ovaj, za vecinu gledalaca, Jugo derbi odigran je po divnom vremenu. Atmosfera je bila prava sportska. Prvo poluvremeno pripalo je Makedoniji, ali drugo "plavima". Protivnici su gol Zorana Hloskog, koji nije priznat posle intervencije medjanjskog sudije i jedanaesterca, koji je odglumio George McMillan. Stekao se utisak da je sudija pokazao na belu tacu da bi popravio prvu gresku kada je ponistio regularan gol, koji je majstorski pripremio Zarko Odzakov. Posle utakmice kuli smo tri verzije. ZPrva, da je gol ponisten zbog ofsajda imi najmanje osnova. Ostale dve verzije (lopta je presla kornu crtu i McMillan je igrao rukom) može da potvrdi samo televizijski snimak. Zanimljivo je da su prvi gol JUSTA i drugi gol Makedonije postignuti u trenutku apsolutne nadodnosti protivnika, tako da su delovali kao grom iz vedra neba.

Kada se sve izmeri na vagi, ipak je Makedonija bila zreliji tim, ali i sretniji. Odlucio je promasaj Joe Carrolla, koji je imao jos dve dobre prilike da popravi gresku, ali je oba puta sutirao visoko preko prečke.

Igracima je najteže palo ponasanje trenera, koji prisvaja sliat pobe, ali ne deli gorcinu poraza na isti nacin.

U nedelju 16. oktobra MAKEDONIJA dočekuje na svom igralistu West Adelaide sto bi mogao biti dobar zaloga, koji se ipak mora dobro savsakati da bi se osiguravala sva tri boda. Najteza je poslednja utakmica u Sidneju protiv Olympica, ali o tome treba govoriti sledeće nedelje, kada će situacija biti bistrija. JUST gostuje u Adelaide, gde je vec dva puta savladao Adelaide City, pa sto ne bi i treci put kada se u sastav vraca Gry McDowell jer je njegovo odsustvo bilo primetno protiv Makedonije.

## KONAC DELO KRASI

Tri kol pre kraja prvenstva Nacionalne lige Australije novitai su izabrali najbolje igrače, trenera i sudije u Viktoriji. Pored toga, sto je odlucivo broj a ne soj, zaboravilo se da svako delo konac krasi. Tri zadnja kola mogu doneti necekivane promene. Onaj, ko u završnici postigne najbolje rezultate zasluuje oreol oko glave. U svakom slucaju Zarko Odzakov je bolji igrač nego Charlie Yankos, ali ipak je morao da se zadovolji utesnim drugim mestom.

## SLATKA OSVETA

Tri godine uzastopce Croatia je zivela u senci Green

Gully Ajaksa, ali je prošle nedelje dočekala slatki cas osvete. "Crveni" su u finalu Kupa cetvorko glatko pobedili ljutog rivala sa 4:0. Na kraju je spomen tezak kompleks, koji se zove Ajax. Croatia ima jos jednu sansu da potvrdi svoju superiornost nad vecitim rivalom, a to je Dockerty Kup, najstarije takmicenje u Australiji. U nedelju se igraju cetvrtfinalne utakmice.

Program na Olympic Parku: Green Gully protiv Croydon City i Croatia protiv Morwell Falcons. Program na Wembley Parku: Wilhelmina protiv Dovetona i Box Hill protiv Fawknara. Trener Fawknara Ceda Cirjkovic ocekuje od svojih momaka uspeh, koji se nije ostvario u prvenstvu, iako kaže da je zadovoljan sa osmim mestom.

## "PLAVI" IZ SPRINGVALA U FINALU

U polufinalu Provizionalnog kupa Springvale United (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo) uspeo je da savlada najjaceg protivnika Cheltenham sa 4:0 (1:0). Protivnik nije imao ni jednu sansu, ali navalanim igracima Springvala dugo je trebalo da savladaju tremu i uzbuđenje. Posto je tri puta za prvih pola sata najbolji strelac Milan Stojilovic poigrao tri lepe sante, uspeo je u 28. minutu da nacne mrežu borbenog protivnika, koji je imao snaznu podršku brojnih navijača. Milan Stojilovic je sasvim dotakao protivnika kad je u 48. minutu postigao majstorski drugi gol, skoro iz mrtvog ugla. Najlepši gol je treci u 64. minutu, a strelac je Dragoslav Jelcic sa 30 metara. Seriju golova završio je opet Dragoslav Jelcic u 84. minutu. Bratstvo/Jedinstvo je nastupilo bez najboljeg navalnog igrača Milana Culibrka, koji zbog povrede ne igra vec mesec dana. Ipak je navijanjem uspeo da podeli radost pobe sa svojim drugovima. Sastav Springvale Uniteda: Milan Mandic, Djuro Siver (Goran Vojlovic od 71. minuta), Petar Dekic, Hito Kalm, Dragan Janjic, Ninoslav Sipic, Dragoslav Jelcic, Marin Basic, Steven Janjic (Predrag Cvek od 65. minuta), Mi-an Stojilovic, Pertko Tomic. Tesko je izdvojiti najboljeg igrača, ali ipak zasluženo pobeđu podelila oba strelca, neumorni Marin Basic i iskusni Dragan Janjic.

U subotu 15. oktobra Springvale United sastaje se u finalu sa Mordialoc Clarindom na istom igralistu, gde je ubedljivo pobedio Cheltenham.

## TURNIR VOJVODINE

Prošle nedelje odigran je prvi deo tradicionalnog turnira Altona United/Vojvodine, koji je privukao veliki broj gledalaca na Paisley Reserve u North Altoni. Zbog preterane osetljivosti (ali najviše i umora) turnir su napustili igrači Bratstva/Jedinstva sto je ostavilo tezak utisak na sve prisutne i razocaralo organizatore.

U prvom kolu postignuti su sledeći rezultati: Carlton/MLADOST — Mossfield Rangers 1:0 (0:0). Altona/Vojvodina — Dallas City 2:2 (0:0). Strelci: Adam Miller i Slobodan Dimitrijević.

Lalor/SLOGA — Carlton/MLADOST 2:1 (0:0). Altona/Vojvodina — Springvale United 3:3 (2:0). Strelci za Vojvodinu: Vasilav Pitra, Adam Miller, Slobodan Dimitrijević. Vasilav Pitra igrao je prvu utakmicu po povratku iz Jugoslavije, odakle je doneo nove drvose, poklon novosadske Vojvodine svome imenjaku iz Melburna.

Sledeću utakmicu Lalor/SLOGA je dobila sa 3:0 bez borbe, jer je Mossfield Rangers napustio turnir.

Kod stanja 1:0 za Dallas City, trener Springvale United povukao je svoje igrače zbog navodne grube igre protivnika. U stvari, oba tima igrala su oštro i muski, jedino su igrači Springvale Uniteda bili umorni od jucerskog susreta u polufinalu Provizionalnog kupa. Iako je bio opravdan strah da se pred finale može povrediti neki igrač, ipak nastupanje turnira ne može se nikako opravdati.

Turnir se ipak nastavlja u nedelju 16. oktobra na Paisley Reserve.

U prvom polufinalu, koje pocinje u 9 izjutra, sastaju se Lalor/SLOGA i Dallas City, a zatim igraju Altona/Vojvodina i Carlton/MLADOST.

Finalne će se odigrati posle ručka i dobrog odmora istoga dana po podne. Porazeni polufinalisti igraće predigru za treće mesto.

## TURNIR CRVENE ZVEZDE

U subotu 15. oktobra i nedelju 16. oktobra odrzace se turnir amaterskog kluba crvene zvezde, na koji su pozvani jugoslovenski klub West Wodonga, FK Bosna iz Melburna i drugi tim JUSTA. Turnir pocinje u 1 po podne oba dana. Kantina sa rostiljem može dobro snabdevena sa hranom i piciem.

Crvena zvezda i Bosna bili su prošle nedelje u Adelaide na turniru JASKA, ali nismo u mogućnosti da vas obavestimo kako su prošli, jer nismo dobili izvestaj do zakljucenja ovog broja "Soccer Actiona".

Sledeći turnir jugoslovenskih klubova odrzace se u Geelongu 6. 16. novembra na igralistu u Hendy Street, Corio.

## JUNIORSKI TURNIR

Dvodnevni juniorski turnir za pehare mesarnice "Europa" iz Newporta, privukao je veliki broj gledalaca, koji su uzivali u lepoj igri budućih fudbalskih asova. Iako je Northern United neoppravdano otkazao ucesce u zadnji cas, organizatori su uspeali da održe standard turnira na najvećoj visini. Stekli su pored toga i dobro iskustvo o pravim i lažnim prijateljima za buduce turnire i sportske festivale.

Od cetiri pehara, juniori JUSTA nisu osvojili ni jedan, ali su sportski primili poraze od boljih timova.

U finalu ispod 108 godina Springvale United (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo) pobedio je JUSTA sa 3:1 (2:0). Strelci: Chein Le 2 i Milan Mihajlovic za Springvale, Damir Gjindic za JUST.

U finalu ispod 11 godina Altona Gate/VARDAR pobedio je JUST sa 3:0 (2:0). Ovaj tim Vardara sa uspehom trenira Stefo Trajkovski, bivši igrač Preston/Makedonije.

U finalu ispod 12 godina Springvale United pobedio je JUSTA sa 2:0 (1:0). Strelci: Tai Tran i Claudio Figueroa.

U finalu ispod 13 godina Altona Gate/VARDAR savladala je JUSTA sa 4:0 (2:0).

U JUSTOvoj istoriji nedelja 9. oktobra bice obeležena crnim slovima, jer su toga dana "plavi" pretrpeli šest poraza. Pored 4 gore pomenuta poraza u juniorskim finalima, izgubio je i prvi tim JUSTA od Makedonije (sto smo opisali na pocetku ovog izvestaja), a tim ispod 15 godina porazen je u finalu grčkog kupa od Helasa sa 1:0 na Middle Parku. Ipak, "plavi" su na svim ovim utakmicama osvetili obraz sportskim ponasanjem i lepom igrom, ali nisu krivili sto im je toga dana sportska sreća potpuno okrenula leđa.

## WORLD SOCCER

### Playing dirty

Scotland outplayed and outclassed Uruguay with their 2-0 win at Hampden Park. The South Americans who have lost their way in world soccer paraded all their ugliness. Frank McGarvey and Celtic striker was stretched off and required stitches while Barrios was sent off for tripping the English referee and defender Accredo was booked. Scotland's Paul McStay and Neale Cooper only recently played for the national youth team.

### Satrutegui

The playing days of Spain's World Cup centre Jesus Satrustegui of Real Sociedad may be over. Unimpressive in the World Cup he has had two operations for a serious knee injury and though he hopes to train again sometime this winter his future looks bleak.

### Watford

Watford which recently paid out a six-figure fee for Cambridge United's giant Scottish striker George Reilly, has forked out another \$200,000 for Wales's 18-year-old England Youth International Lee Sinnott. And Elton John's side is poised to buy Lincoln City's 24-year-old scoring midfielder Glenn Cockrill.

### Italy World Cup

I understood that Italy has already been given the nod of approval to host the 1990 World Cup finals. It only has to be rubber-stamped for official approval.

### Morena

Uruguayan international striker Fernando Morena who claims he is owed around \$240,000 by Brazilian side Penarol wants the cash or a move.

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# TA NEA TON OMAΔON MΑΣ APO TO ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ



by Manos Milios

## ΕΙΝΑΙ ΝΤΡΟΠΗ ΤΟΥΣ ΚΑΙ ΝΑ ΠΑΡΑΙΤΗΘΩΝ

Στην περασμένη Παρασκευή στο CITY - OVERSEAS CLUB στο WINDSOR ο αθλητικογράφος της Μεταβούρας και γενικά της Βικτωρίας (ASPA), οφεισαν τόν καλότερο προπονητή, τόν καλότερο διαιετητή και τόν πίο καλός και κτες γιά τό 1983.

Όπως γνωρίζουμε ο άνθρωπος που μέρησαν τούς σφεουσ(είναι από τό Δ.Συμβόλιο της Α.Σ.Ρ.Α. και αλάντια έλληνες)δέν έκαναν φυσικά λάθος τόν μέτρημα άλλα έκαναν ένα πίο χοντρά λάθος πού σίγουρα δέν θά περάσει άπαρατήτως.

ΚΑΙ ΚΑΡΤ ΑΚΟΜΑ  
Πρίν μερικά χρόνια όταν έδωθηκε ή ASPA βρέθηκαν τότε δύο - τρεις έλληνες αθλητικογράφοι οί όποιοι έκαναν παρόμοια καί έσ κίζαν τά ίσχυιά τους παραπονιούνται ότι καλός δέν ήταν κι' αυτόι ή κάποιος έλλήνας μέσα στό Δ.Συμβόλιο.

Κατόρθωσαν λοιπόν καί μπήκαν χωρίς φυσικά τίς όδοις καί καμιά προνοή καί μάλλον τά πράγματα χειροτέρευσαν από όλας τίς πλευρές μέ πολλά κακά γιά τό όποιο χρειάζονται άμετικές σελίδες ή άπό τά άναφέρουμε-από τούλάχιστον πού έκαναν οί... "όκοι και".

Καλότερος διαιετητής:Κρίς Μάμποιτζ ένώ τήν 2η θέση πήρε ο έλληνας κ.Σάμ Ζούμας ο όκοι ο δέν ήταν στή "Βενίκι κατηγορία από τήν άρχή τού πρωταθλήματος.

Καλότερος καίκτης κάτω τών 21: Κέν "Όμοινας τού Πρέστον.

Καλότερος καίκτης:Πάολο Γιάγκος τού Νέγα. Τέλος τό BILL FLEMING τού κέρσιος ο Πά Αι-όςος τού Γερν Γιάλκλ.

Επώνσορ γιά τό έπαθλο τού καλότερου προπονητή ή ταν τό SOCCER ACTION.

MURRAY κ.ΖΟΥΜΑ

Άν καί τού δέδοσαν κάπως άργά καίγυνδία της "Βενίκις Κατηγορίας τού έλληνα reser κ.Σάμ Ζούμα,έν τούτοις κατόρθωσε ά ναυελ μέ τή σωστή σεურκινρα του καί ά θηγέ δ'εδότερος καλότερος διαιετητής από τούς αθλητικογράφους στή Βικτωρία.

Άπό τή σκοπιά μας τόν συγχαίρουμε καί εσ χόμεθα τού χρόνου άν τόν δοίμε άγαλιά μέ τό πρώτο έπαθλο.

CONGRATULATIONS TO V.S.F

Παρά τίς δυσκολίες τού άντιμετωπίζεις ή Βικτωριανή "Όμοσπονδία Ποδοσφαίρου μέ τήν έλλειψη διαιετητών,έντοστοις κατάρσει καί φέτος ά πετύχει στό έργο της καί ά μνή άφσσει τίς δυνάεις πού είναι στή δύναμη της καί παρόνοια.

Άς φθύνουμε όμως λίγο από τόν ποδοσφαιρικό καί κόσμο καί άς δοίμε τόν παραθώνιο τού"BIG M" πού έγινε τήν περασμένη Κυριακή μέ μεγάλη έκπνιγχα καί τόν όποιο έλαβε μέρος ο μαρθαυ νόρμος καί έπέρος Μάκας ο όκοις ήλθε από τήν "Αλάδα μέ πρωτοβουλία τού προέδρου τού "Έλληνικοό θεατήδλ κ.Σπέρου Ρομποτή καλός καί τής έφημερίδας "Νέος Κόσμος".

Ό συμπάθει έπέρος τελικά τερατίσσε δυνάε- τος γιά τί άτύχησε.

Συγκριμένα καί ένώ ήταν στή η ά θέση λί γα χιλιάετρα πρίν από τόν τερατισμό,τόν κτίσσαν ά πακούσινα τόν μέ άποτέλεσμα άς οκιστούν τά δέντλητα τού ποδίου τού.

Άπό τή σκοπιά μας άά θέλαμε ά πούε έν Μπρόβο όότε γαυματέτα της "Όμοσπονδίας κ. G.WALLACE ο όκοις έργάσθηκε καί σέτος σκλη πού καί σωστά πός όλας τίς κατευθύνσεις. Καί πάλι συγχατήρια.

ΑΥΤΗΣΕ Ο ΣΥΡΙΟΣ ΝΑΚΟΣ

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Στεναχωρημένος ήταν όταν τόν μέλθουμε καί τόν δωστήμα άν μάς πεί δύο λόγια:"Άν έν είχα τούς πόνους καί τήν άνυγία αυτή,είπε ο Σπέρου,σίγουρα θά τερατίσσε στήν 3η θέση. Καί ά σκεφείστε ότι μέ τά παπούτσια αύτί έχω κάνει τό άτομικό μου κερδó".

Άπό τήν στήλη μας πάντως συγχαίρουμε τόν έλληνα μαρθαυνοδρόμο γιά τήν φιλετινή προσπάθεια τού καλός καί τούς άναθρόπους πού έν ήργησαν άν τόν φέρουν στήν διοργάνωση αύτί.

Τήν 1η θέση κέρσιος ο Πανζανός JUMA ΙΚΑΝ- GAA μέ χρόνο 2 ώρες 13 λεπτά καί 50 δευτερό λεπτά.

Η ΕΠΟΧΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ ΚΟΡΕΥΣ

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Κατά τήν διάρκεια της βραδυάς έγινε καί ή ά- πονομή τών άναμνηστικών έπαθλών στούς καί- κτες καί τόν προπονητή της ομάδας.

Καλότερος καίκτης,όσμουνα μέ τήν βαθμολογία, τόν διαιετητή,ήγχε καί "Βλάς "Ίωσηήδης,ένώ από τήν Β" ομάδα ήταν ο Στθ "Άποστόδλ.





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### PRESTON v WEST ADELAIDE

Connor Reserve, K.O. 3 pm

*Previous results*

'77.....	
'78.....	
'79.....	
'80.....	
'81.....	2-0
'82.....	1-1



**JIM PANAGIS**  
(West Adelaide)



**DEREK LEA**  
(Heidelberg)

### HEIDELBERG v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Olympic Village 3 pm

*Previous results*

'77.....	2-0
'78.....	3-1
'79.....	2-1
'80.....	
'81.....	1-0
'82.....	2-2



**JIM PATIKIS**  
(Sydney Olympic)